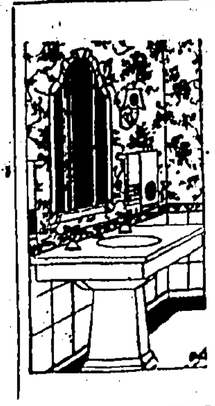

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HANGSANG'S PART IN ALLEGED PIRACY.

RECENT INCIDENT OFF BIAS BAY.

TWO OFFICERS TELL STORY OF INTERVENTION.

NOTEWORTHY FEAT.

Officers of the Hangsang who played such a notewothy part in the prevention of an alleged piratical attack off Pedro Blanco on January 4 last, gave evidence this morning before Mr. Lindsell at the Magistracy, in the trial of the twelve men who were captured.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy (Public Prosecutor) is appearing for the Crown and Mr. Hin-shing Lo (instructed by Mr. C. E. L. Grist) is defending all accused.

Mr. Paul Studholme, third officer of the s.s. Hang-sang, said that when he took over watch at 12.30 p.m. on January 4, he noticed three sails about three points from the starboard bows of the Hangsang. There was no other vessel in sight, although witness occasionally saw the smoke of the s.s. Soochow, which was behind. On drawing closer to the junks, witness noticed that they altered their course somewhat, and, being a calm day, the speed at which they were travelling attracted his attention.

What Witness Saw.

On looking through his glasses, witness saw two smaller junks following behind a larger craft, giving the impression that the larger one was a motor vessel towing the others. They were quite a distance away and could not be seen very distinctly. As the Hangsang drew closer, witness saw that in all three junks the men were rowing hard. Then, as the steamer got closer still, witness saw the man at the tiller of the large junk waving something. By this time, the boats were about five points on the starboard bow at a distance of about one mile.

Continuing, witness said that by the time the Hangsang got almost abreat of the junks, he noticed that the leading junk was altering its course to follow the Hangsang and that the men on board were all shouting.

Mr. Fitzroy:—In the leading junks?

Witness:—Just from the leading junk; not from the others.

Shouting one Word.

Proceeding, witness said that when the crew of the leading junk realised that they could not cut off the Hangsang, they altered their course and tried to keep up with the steamer. One of the two smaller junks also altered course to cut off the large junk, puttting the second of the smaller junks right astern.

It was obvious, continued witness, that there was something wrong, and he called out to the quartermaster to ascertain what the men were shouting. The helm of the Hangsang was then put hard aport and the "stand-by" signal was cabled to the engine room. At the same time, the captain, who was having his tiffin, was summoned to the bridge.

Mr. Fitzroy:—When you turned the ship's head to starboard what happened?

Witness:—The two smaller junks altered their courses and headed towards the land, in different directions.

Rifles Procured.

Witness added that he left the bridge as soon as the captain arrived and went to the armoury, where he procured six rifles, two of which he loaded, while the first officer loaded the others. The Hangsang was manoeuvred around and proceeded to take the large junk in tow. The crew wanted the Hangsang to tow them in any direction away from the other two junks.

"We were a little bit doubtful," added Mr. Studholme, "and thought they only wanted us to stop."

Mr. Fitzroy:—It might have been an attempt to pirate you?—Yes.

Witness continued that he and the chief officer went to the stern

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RECENT SHOOTING AFFAIR.

A NEW CHARGE AGAINST MRS. J. M. XAVIER.

REVOLVER THEFT.

The alleged theft by Mrs. J. M. Xavier of a revolver on a visit to Kowloon is put forward by police as another link in the case against her of making an attempt on the life of Mr. A. J. Manton, a Traffic Inspector in the employ of the Hongkong Tramways Company. The alleged attempt is stated to have occurred in a flat at Lockhart Road last month.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, instructed since the last remand to appear for Mrs. Xavier, made an application for a further adjournment before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning. He asked for a later date for the hearing of the charge.

Acting Detective Sub-Inspector M. Murphy, in charge of the case for the police, informed the Court that Mr. Manton, who had been in hospital for several weeks, was dicharged on Saturday.

The evidence to be brought forward, he further said, would be very short, including disclosure of a visit made by the accused to Kowloon and of how she managed to steal a revolver there, shortly before the alleged shooting.

The Magistrate fixed 11.30 a.m. on Monday for the opening of the case.

BIAS BAY PIRATES QUESTIONED.

VALUABLE INFORMATION SAID TO BE SECURED.

Canton, Jan. 24.

The five pirates who were captured following the Hsin Ming piracy were subjected to a severe cross-examination by Admiral Chan Chak at the Naval Headquarters here yesterday, when they were interrogated individually.

It is understood that valuable information relative to the piracy and the whereabouts of the remaining members of the gang were obtained, although no official statement has yet been made.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

MORE FORCES FOR BIAS BAY.

THREE GUNBOATS AND MORE MARINES.

Canton, Jan. 24.

In order to check the activity of pirates at Bias Bay, Naval Headquarters have despatched the gunboats An Pak, Hai Fu, and Man Seng to be permanently stationed there.

In addition to two battalions of marines being posted at various stations, Colonel Tsai Teng-fei has also obtained the approval of headquarters for the transfer of one more battalion of marines to that area.—*Canton Gazette.*

CANTON-HONGKONG TELEPHONE.

GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE WITH WORK.

Canton, Jan. 24.

Work on the Canton-Hongkong long-distance telephone is proceeding apace. The Canton end of the ground cable is now completed as far as Pak Tze Road, whence it will be carried along the Canton-Kowloon, thence by under water cable to Hongkong.

It is hoped to be able to establish telephonic communication in the next six months.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

NANKING-MUKDEN EXPRESSES.

SERVICE NOT POPULAR WITH THE PUBLIC.

Peking, Jan. 25.

The management of the Peking-Mukden Railway is conferring with the officials of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway with a view to suspending the through express service connecting Mukden and Nanking in view of the unsatisfactory support by the public.

CHINA CURRENCY PROBLEMS.

GOLD BASIS AGAIN ADVOCATED.

SHANGHAI SHOWING SIGNS OF ANXIETY.

KEMMERER REPORT.

The correspondence columns of the Shanghai newspapers are deluged with views on the silver and exchange crises, the problems apparently agitating Shanghai more to-day than ever before in the last six months. Mr. Schloten, a frequent contributor, writes to the *North China Daily News* as follows:

Sir, That intelligent people should have taken the vagaries of exchange as something unavoidable like rain or sunshine is probably due to the habitual indifference we show with regard to practically everything that does not concern us directly.

When we see however the value of a metal moving up and down like a jumping jack we ought to realize that there is something wrong somewhere. One certainly would not expect the further use of this metal as a standard for measuring the value of every thing we buy, sell, use or do.

Ridiculous Position.

It is hard to believe that someone should not see how ridiculous it is that the depreciation in value of a single metal should affect the standard of living of a whole country.

The metal is "silver" and the country "China," which does not produce silver in worth while quantities.

Is it not placing a rather low valuation on the intelligence of people to suggest as a remedy: the fixing of a value of this capricious metal in relation to another metal instead of using this other metal: "gold," which is the acknowledged standard of valuation in practically all other countries?

Fooled By Profit-Makers.

Where is the sense in making complicated something that is plain and easy? I wonder if the great mass of the people really do not see that they are being fooled by a very small minority who profit by this complication.

Talking about exchange with an intelligent Chinese official I suddenly found what might be an explanation for the inactivity of the Chinese Government with regard to the currency muddle.

This is what he said: "Yes, imported goods are getting so expensive that we shall have to do without them. After all there is little of it that we really need. "Foreigners in China of course suffer more than we do." Importers may raise their prices but that does not affect the mass of the people very much. Especially in the interior the cost of living is not much affected by the fall in the value of silver. People of course buy less of imported goods when the price is high but they do not really suffer because they have to do without things which are not necessaries."

China's Living Standards.

My argument—that the reduction in imports would have the unavoidable result that foreign countries could not buy China's export products and what little was bought would be paid for with silver metal, which after all was a luxury,—did not seem to make much of an impression.

If the above is the generally adopted official view of the situation this would be a clear indication that China instead of improving her standard of living was satisfied with going back to the primitive mode of life of former days. Perhaps most Chinese will be just as happy and one can hardly blame people when they are really satisfied and happy with little beyond the necessaries of life. The lesson to be learned then will be that: what is considered to be progress in foreign countries is not necessarily considered to be progress by China.

For those expecting a revival of trade, prospects are not very bright under such circumstances.

Kemmerer Report.

It will be interesting to watch how much longer the gamble in

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KOCHOW ON A BAR IN WEST RIVER.

PASSENGERS TAKEN OFF BY THE ANJOU.

BADLY AGROUND.

The s.s. Anjou brings news to the effect that the river steamer Kochow is aground in the West River. It is believed that the mishap occurred some time yesterday whilst she was on her way from Wuchow to Hongkong.

Under the command of Capt. Morgan, the Kochow left Hongkong for Wuchow on January 21. The water on the West River at this time of the year is very shallow and during the last few weeks, some difficulty has been experienced by vessels going to and from Wuchow. The Kochow got up to Wuchow safely but on the return voyage, she had the misfortune to go aground about five miles below Samshui, near Campbell Island.

She had on board general cargo and a number of passengers, and these were brought down to Hongkong by the Anjou, which was following in her wake.

It is reported that an attempt was made early this morning to refloat the vessel, but this proved unsuccessful, and as far as can be ascertained, she is still aground.

It may be recalled that the Kochow went aground in the West River last year. She was badly damaged as a result of that mishap, being holed.

Whether or not she has suffered by this mishap is not yet known.

THE SINO-SOVIET OUTLOOK.

MORE DELEGATES FOR MOSCOW CONFERENCE.

Nanking Jan. 25.

An official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs states that General Mo Teh-hui, chief Chinese delegate attending the Moscow Conference, may leave Harbin for Peking to accompany Mr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, to Nanking.

The Nanking Foreign Ministry intends to appoint a number of assistants to help General Mo Teh-hui in the coming negotiations at Moscow concerning the Soviet request for a resumption of political and commercial relations with China.

Mr. Wang is expected to leave Peking on Tuesday as his presence at Nanking is urgently needed in connexion with negotiations with representatives of the Powers concerning the extrality issue.

HUPEH FINANCE QUESTIONS.

NANKING GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST.

Nanking, Jan. 25.

General Ho Chen-chun, the Nationalist Officer commanding the Hupeh armies, who is visiting Nanking to confer with the President, will be leaving here by aeroplane on Tuesday.

General Ho has reached an understanding with the Finance Ministry regarding the financial administration in Hupeh. The Finance Ministry agrees to permit the Hankow Government to collect the newly-inaugurated Trade Tax by appropriating part of the fund to support the Municipal Government expenses.

Furthermore, Nanking agrees to assist Hupeh to the extent of $100,000 monthly to defray military expenses.

BIG FINANCIAL CONFERENCE.

TO STUDY EFFECT OF LIKIN ABOLITION.

Mukden, Jan. 25.

General Chang Hsueh-liang has summoned a big financial conference to be held at Mukden at which Finance Commissioners and prominent Government officials of Kirin, Heilungkiang, Fengtien, Charhar, and Shansi are expected to be present.

The Peking Municipal Government complains that following the abolition of likin there is a deficit of $800,000 monthly.

General Chang entertained the Military Governors of Kirin and Heilungkiang last evening and took the opportunity of discussing the likin problem with them. The date of the big conference has not been fixed.

THE PROHIBITION MUDDLE.

HOOVER DICTATION DENIED.

VITAL ISSUE IN AMERICAN POLITICAL CIRCLES.

CONFLICTING VIEWS.

Washington, Jan. 21.

George Wickersham, chairman of the law enforcement commission, denied to-day that President Hoover had dictated the findings of the commission on prohibition.

The statement came after Wickersham and the White House first declined to explain the apparent discrepancies between commission's majority report supporting prohibition and the series of conflicting minority reports showing that actually a majority of the commission believed in some alteration.

Wets Get Busy.

However, the story refused to dispose of the belief that somehow the President's ideas caused the commission to bring out the general report which was so far at variance with the expression of individual ideas.

The report continued to be the subject of all absorbing interest to-day, while wets began to take advantage of various angles.

Congressman Fiorello La Guardia of New York, ardent wet, introduced a resolution to set up machinery for amending the constitution to give congress the power to regulate prohibition, without stipulating in the constitution that the country must be dry.

Two Salient Queries.

The growing tumult of discussion, dispute and speculation centred to-day on two salient queries—how far did the commission mean to go toward recommending a revision of the eighteenth amendment and what will be the political effect of President Hoover's opposition to such a step?

So aroused were the commissioners over reports that the President had intervened to forestall an unequivocal proposal that the following statement was issued by Chairman Wickersham:

"The statement of the *Washington Herald* that the president had persuaded the commission to abandon a tentative recommendation favouring the revision of the eighteenth amendment is untrue and without foundation."

Various Interpretations.

The country apparently has been left by the commissioners to place its own interpretation on the report, which was variously interpreted to-day as a straddle of the dry-wet issue.

The commission's general report upheld the present prohibition system with the exception of recommending minor changes in various laws for practical purposes, and opposed various proposals to legalize light wines and beer, the entrance of the federal or state governments into the liquor business or the legalizing of any form of saloon.

The President has issued a communication saying:

"I am in accord with this view. I am in unity with the spirit of the report in seeking constructive steps to advance the national ideal of eradication of the social, economic and political evils of this traffic, preserve the gains which have been made, and eliminate the abuses which exist at the same time facing with open mind the difficulties which have arisen under this experiment."

A Vital Issue.

Observers interpreted Hoover's comment to congress as placing the Republican party in a position of defending the 18th amendment or attempting a revision thereof only by repudiating his leadership.

Some predicted that the report will immediately make prohibition the all-important political issue, as strongly in the foreground as it has been in the background heretofore, with the figure who

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DEAD MAN FOUND IN NULLAH.

POLICE SUSPECT ANOTHER MURDER.

NO MARK OF VIOLENCE

Foul play is suspected by the police following the discovery of the dead body of a Chinese coolie in the early hours of this morning, dumped in a nullah in Soy Street, near its intersection with Canton Road, Yaumati.

Mystery surounds the affair, which appears to be the eighth case of murder occurring within a period of two months. There were no external marks of violence on the body. The fact which aroused suspicion and led to the placing of the matter in the hands of the Criminal Investigation Department, was the discovery that the man's mouth had been stuffed with a cloth gag.

The police are now awaiting the results of a post-mortem examination, to be made at the Kowloon Mortuary to-day, for the purpose of ascertaining the cause of death.

The dead man was dressed in blue cotton clothing, and had the appearance of a coolie. His age is estimated at about forty, and his appearance is reported to tally with the description of a man "wanted" for another recent murder, enacted in a coalyard in the same vicinity.

Police are inclined to believe that revenge provided the motive in the crime revealed this morning.

TALK ON SILVER LOAN.

MR. C. C. WU TAKES UP THE QUESTION.

Nanking, Jan. 25.

Nanking official circles state that the Chinese Minister to Washington, Mr. C. C. Wu, has exchanged views with U.S. officials concerning the proposed big silver loan to China. The exact extent of these negotiations is not disclosed.

Nanking believes that the negotiations may be successful, although realising that Japanese and British banking circles are sceptical on the subject.

LATEST AERIAL SERVICE.

PROPOSAL TO LINK NANKING WITH MONGOLIA.

Nanking, Jan. 26.

Officials of the Mongolian and Tibetian Affairs Committee are considering the advisability of inaugurating a regular air mail service connecting Nanking with the capital of Mongolia with stops at Manchuli and other important cities in North China.

The idea is to facilitate official and commercial relations between Nanking and Mongolia.

KWANGSI PEACE PARLEY.

GENERALS HAVE INTERVIEWS IN NANKING.

Nanking, Jan.25.

General Wang Shao-hung and Wu Ting-yung arrived here this morning and interviewed President Chiang Kai-shek at the latter's headquarters regarding a settlement of the military disputes in South-Western China.

In the evening, the Kwangsi delegates interviewed Messrs. Hu Han-min, Wu Tze-hui and Chang Ching-kiang.

SHANGHAI GOLD SPECULATION.

NANKING ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH ISSUE.

Nanking Jan. 25.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs has drawn up ten regulations with the aim of checking the extensive speculation in gold bars in Greater Shanghai.

The regulations have been sanctioned by the Central Political Council, which has asked the Shanghai Municipal Council to see to the immediate enforcement of the law.

VELDTE PIONEER PASSES AWAY.

ADVENTUROUS LIFE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ORIGINATED IDEA OF THE ARMISTICE SILENCE.

SIR P. FITZPATRICK.

London, Jan. 25.

The death has occurred at Cape Town of Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, the South African mining magnate, who was the originator of the idea of the Two Minutes Silence on Armistice Day in memory of the Dead.

Others have made claims, but as was shown by a letter His Majesty the King sent to him at the time, not made public until November, 1930, it was Sir Percy's idea and it was Sir Percy who pressed it to acceptance.

The King's Letter.

The letter, addressed to Sir Percy by Lord Stamfordham on behalf of the King, in 1920, assured the recipient that His Majesty "ever gratefully remembers that the idea of the Two Minutes Pause on Armistice Day was due to your initiation—a suggestion readily adopted and carried out with heartfelt sympathy throughout the Empire."

The late Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, it may be recalled, was in London shortly after the Armistice had been declared. He made the Silence suggestion to Lord Milner, who passed it on to authoritative quarters.

46 Years in South Africa.

Prominent in South Africa in the fields of development and politics, Sir Percy Fitzpatrick was an Irishman, being born at Kingwilliamstown in July, 1862. He was educated at St. George's College, Downside, near Bath.

Going to the Transvaal at the age of 22, he soon became an expert horseman and hunter, and when in 1891, Lord Randolph Churchill, the father of Mr. Winston Churchill, made a hunting and exploring expedition into Mashonaland, Fitzpatrick accompanied him.

At the termination of that successful expedition, he joined the firm of Eckstein and Co. of Johannesburg, which place was then beginning to develop owing to the discovery of gold in the neighbourhood.

The Jameson Raid.

This development gradually led to serious hostility between Boers and the British subjects and others, who arrived in large numbers to exploit the goldfields.

These "Uitlanders" (foreigners), numbering about 40,000, complained that, although through the duties on gold exports they paid the greater part of the taxation in the Transvaal, they were denied any voice in the govt. of the country.

Organising a Reform Committee, they made Fitzpatrick its hon. secretary and, through him, pressed their demands on Kruger, the President.

Suddenly there came the armed raid from the north under Jameson in Jan. 1896, with the idea of seizing Johannesburg on behalf of the Uitlanders. The crushing defeat of the raiders was followed by the arrest of Fitzpatrick and other Reform leaders. Released after a few months, he resumed his business and in 1898 became a partner in his firm.

Boer War.

In the war with the Boers, which began in 1899, he served as an officer of a British mounted force. On the restoration of peace in 1902 he became president of the Rand Chamber of Mines and was knighted. Retiring from business in 1907 he was elected in 1910 to the first Parliament of the South African Union as member for Pretoria East and next year was awarded the K. C. M. G.

In 1926 Sir Percy Fitzpatrick delivered the oration at the unveiling of the memorial at Delville Wood to South Africa's dead in France.

He wrote several books on South Africa, the chief of which was "The Transvaal from Within", setting forth the case for the Reform movement.—*Reuter and I.E.S.*

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THE BURNS NICHT DINNER.

SCOTLAND'S GREAT POET HONOURED.

FINE TRIBUTES.

Punctuated by appropriate excerpts from the works of the poet he was honouring, the eloquent speech made by Prof. R. Robertson of the Hongkong University, was outstanding at the Burns' Nicht celebration of Scottish residents at Lane, Crawford's restaurant on Saturday night.

About 200 were seated when the Chieftain of the St. Andrew's Society (Mr. T. H. R. Shaw) said grace. Behind the head table, decorated with illuminated thistles and tartan, was a portrait of the poet. The Haggis was piped in with all due ceremony by Pipe Major Mackie, who also gave Burns "Address to the Haggis." Scottish songs by Messrs. J. F. Anderson and G. McLeod, who also led the community singing, contributed to the pleasure of the evening. Selections on the pipes were given by Pipe Major Mackie and Messrs. Watson, Wilson, and Nesbit, and the piano accompaniments were played by Mr. G. Grimble.

Introducing Prof. Robertson, Mr. Shaw said that a few months ago he had sat with him on the Currency Commission, and Prof. Robertson had then given a very able discourse on how to raise the value of the dollar. As Burns always did lack silver, it was appropriate that he should have consented to give "The Immortal Memory."

"The Immortal Memory."

Prof. Robertson said that his unwary response to the Chieftain's invitation to propose "The Immortal Memory" must be ascribed to the deep cunning with which Mr. Shaw approached him.

He first broached the proposition on the morning succeeding Hogmanay, said Prof. Robertson. It is a morning on which the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" are still ringing in Scottish ears. I should have been doubly cautious—I should have remembered that a year ago there stood in my place to perform the same function, one of my colleagues at the University.

I should have asked myself: "Is there a danger? Will it not be rumoured abroad that this is a scheme to introduce the cold and dry atmosphere of the lecture room into the warm and genial humidity of these gatherings? But professors are only human, and in the lilt of Burns' verse, their academic trappings fall from them. The Scottish people are rightly suspicious of academic attempts to appraise the man Burns. Burns was a man who in his life appeared rather to refer to man with all his impulses and feelings and man's understandings than to the literary critic. But literary critics and moral precisions must stand silent before the intensity of the human temperament as displayed in his work. It is a wonderful achievement which Burns has made in that he can call us here once a year—he can call Scotsmen together once a year, all over the world to do homage to his memory.

If Burns Were There.

It would be interesting to see how Burns would have viewed such a gathering as this. He would have probably been surprised by the strangeness of his surroundings, but I am sure that he would have very soon have made himself the leader of this gathering. He was a man whose conversation and social gifts made him quickly the leading spirit in any convivial gathering. I think that he might or might not have welcomed the Haggis. He certainly would have welcomed that Scottish drink of which he wrote so effectively, that it seems churlish ever to refuse another glass. I do not think he would have viewed with very great equanimity the idea of having a professor propose his memory. But I trust that his large-hearted magnanimity would have prevailed on him even to stomach that.

Burns' life is a series of pictures which are doubly imprinted on the mind of Scotsmen. We are all familiar with the stages through which Burns passed from that night when a cold January wind blew, to those last in Dumfries. We can see him in his youth as an Aryshire peasant, helping his brothers and fathers on the farm.

We can see him taking the leading part in the village life. We can see him gradually finding his true sphere, gradually realising that above all things he was a type born to express in verse the essentials of human existence. We can see him after he had left for Edinburgh, where he was to mix with the highest in the land. He returns to the land and then enters into the Government service as an exciseman, and spends the closing years of his life in that occupation.

Intense Life.

Burns lived his life in a most intense fashion. We may say that he lived with gusto. One of his critics, Raleigh, says that life called to him and he listened. One of the chief characteristics of the poet Burns was the readiness with which he entered into the main stream of activities in whatever society he found himself. Had his nature been such as to cause him to shrink from life then the frankness that we find in his poems would have been unknown. But because life was for him something of a great adventure, we find in his poetry an expression of the fundamental which we cannot find elsewhere. Everything that Burns did he did intensely and all of the best of what he wrote comes white hot from the fire of his experience of life. He is not a contemplative poet; no poetry has never smelled less of the lamp. Further there is nothing in his work that has any taint of the artificial, but only what he did and felt and this frankness makes his poetry his best biographer. When he speaks of himself he speaks out. He does not attempt to cast a veil of romance over his experience. He had no illusions about himself when he wrote:

"Oh wad some power the giftie gie us,
To see oorsels as ithers see us."

He had no foolish notions about himself. It is this characteristic that makes his work appeal to the mass of men who see embodied in it their own real selves.

Lad of the Village.

While he was still in Aryshire village he entered as leader into the activities of the countryside. He could not have kept himself out of that. I think that in the true sense of the term we can say that Burns was one of the lads of the village. By that I simply mean that it was to him and his life, that those who knew him looked for leadership, and the geniality and conversation, without which life in the countryside would have been dull and monotonous. Wherever life was lived freely and boldly there Burns wished to be. Edinburgh chilled him, but it could not freeze out the vitality that was in him. Although the rich outpourings of Mossgiel were stemmed after the Edinburgh interlude some of his most lively work, including Tam O'Shanter, belongs to his later life. He died at 37, but he had crowded into that short span a full and crowded life. He may be said to have thrown himself at life regardless of the consequences.

It is this man, who gifted with the highest powers of poetry expresses in verse the primitive and therefore the fundamental essentials of human existence. As he entered freely into life so we find in him something that illuminates every occasion. Raised through the force of his genius, Burns, born and bred a peasant, saw more of life than is permitted to most peasants. His poetry ranges over a wider field than if he had been merely a ploughman poet. It is true, however, that some of his best known and best loved works is the poetry in which he interpreted the lives and manners and feelings of the Scottish peasant.

Freshness of the Fields.

That his life, was far from joyless is seen in his descriptions of those country festivals which seem to have died. The freshness of the open fields, too, breathes through these early poems.

Burns would not have been a true Scot had he not been a theological disputer. The manner of his life was bound to bring him into conflict with the discipline of the Scottish kirk as it existed at the end of the 18th century. He resented it intensely and his fiery spirit broke out in those terrific satires, "The Holy Fair," "Holy Willie's Prayer," "The Ordination," "The Twa' Herds." But Burns was not at war with religion, nor even with the kirk as he conceived it. He fought against hypocrisy and the self-righteousness of the unco' guid. Burns had a warm heart: he could appreciate sterling worth and looked with large charity upon human weaknesses, of which he himself was only too fully conscious; but he hated and despised the hypocritical censoriousness of men who, in their pride and self righteousness, revealed the lack of humanity that was theirs.

The influence of Burns' work has done much to remove that hard unbending rigour which was characteristic of Scottish religion in the 18th century. This may have been not the least of his services to the Scottish nation. He has taught us to "gently scan our brither man, still gentlier sister woman." He has told us in unforgettable words that "The heart's aye, the part, aye, that makes us right or wrang." Yet he never rejected the moral law; he never justified to himself the irregularities of himself or others. The hardened free liver will find no text in Burns to support the silence of his conscience. We are not made worse by reading Burns; we are more likely to be made better.

Our National Poet.

Burns is the poet of Scotland. He is our National poet. There is a copy of his works in every Scottish household. We find him quoted on divers occasions. We hear his songs sung.

At the end of the 18th century Burns it was who re-started the movement towards the Scottish nation. I do not mean to say that had Burns been alive to-day he would have been a member of the Scottish Nationalist Party. I do not think he would have viewed that movement with much tolerence. Burns had too proud a view to allow himself to be enveigled into the narrowness of vision which would separate Scotland more fully from the country with which she has been associated for the last 200 years.

When Scotsmen meet together as Scotsmen they cannot forget his name. He, followed by Scott, saved perhaps the Scottish national spirit from oblivion. For him Auld Scotland was more than a name; it was a proud heritage, and he more than any other man, has contributed towards the continuance and strengthening of the Scottish National spirit.

I give you the toast "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns."

"The Lassies."

Giving the toast "The Lassies," Dr. J. W. Anderson said:

The relations of our national bard with the lassies were many and varied. It is customary for those who seek to decry Robert Burns to point out that his private life was not all that it might have been and that many of his love songs drew their inspiration from women of rather doubtful character. Many people cannot see the wood for the trees and it is by taking the long view that we get Burns and his life in proper perspective.

As his friend and admirer, Mrs. Riddle said: "It is only on the gem that we are disturbed to see the dust; the pebble may be soiled but we disregard it." I would ask you one question. Are there any of our modern gallants who can produce songs to their ladies with even a fraction of the spontaneity of Burns? Are they in the habit of walking 10 or 20 miles at night to keep a tryst as he and his cronies did?

No, they take a car to Repulse Bay and dance to the strains of alien music, to which no better words can be found than lines beginning "My Baby's a wow!"

It is not surprising that Burns the man appealed to all classes of women of his time. Not only in his native Aryshire but in Edinburgh and the country houses he visited on his travels throughout Scotland, he made many friends whose letters and the remembrance of whose charms were always a source of inspiration to his poetic themes. One who loved with such intensity could not but meet with disappointments and rebuffs. Fickleness he had his full share of, but he was never bitter.

Inimitable Pictures.

He has given us an inimitable picture of the country lassies of his day—of their industry, their misfortune and their undaunted cheerfulness. They in their day had not the advantages of their present day daughters. They had not the opportunities to travel to broaden their minds and enrich their leisure. Their noses were always at the grindstone.

No other poet has dealt with the lassies so faithfully or extolled their virtues in a truer manner than Burns. Sentimental he may be, but never sloppy.

Gentlemen, I give you the toast of the lassies: "The Mothers that bore us; the lassies we love."

In a short bright response Mr. W. Handyside declared that Burns was a man's man; and therefore a woman's man.

MUTILATED BODY AT BLACKHEATH.

BRUTAL MURDER STIRS UP POLITICAL AGITATION.

London, Jan. 24.

It is feared that a maniac of the "Jack-the-Ripper" type is at large in London, following the discovery early yesterday morning on Blackheath, of the strangled and terribly mutilated body of an 18-year-old local servant girl, Louisa Steel.

There is always a great deal of traffic on the Heath, and the fact that numerous pedestrians must have passed the spot without noticing the body supports the police theory that she was murdered in a motor car and then flung onto the Heath.

There is at present agitation in Liberal and Labour quarters over the prolonged absence on the Riviera of the Police Commissioner Lord Byng, despite the recent death of Admiral Sir Charles Royds, the Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. This latest murder mystery has intensified the clamour for Lord Byng's resignation and the reorganisation of Scotland Yard.—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF COMMANDER OF U.S. PATROL.

We record with deep regret the death, which took place at the Royal Naval Hospital on Thursday, of Capt. A. K. Schoop, commander of the United States Naval Patrol of South China. The body is being taken back to America for interment.

The late Capt. Schoop was a man of about 50 years of age and had seen service on the Asiatic Station on several occasions, but it was only towards the end of last year that he was in command of the South China Patrol of the United States Navy. He was a married man but, it is understood, he has no children. Much sympathy will be extended to the widow in her bereavement.

The body is being taken to America on board the s.s. President Jackson which sails to-day, for interment at Arlington, the National Cemetery, in Washington, D.C.

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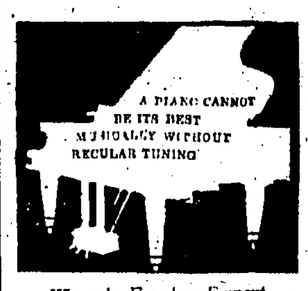

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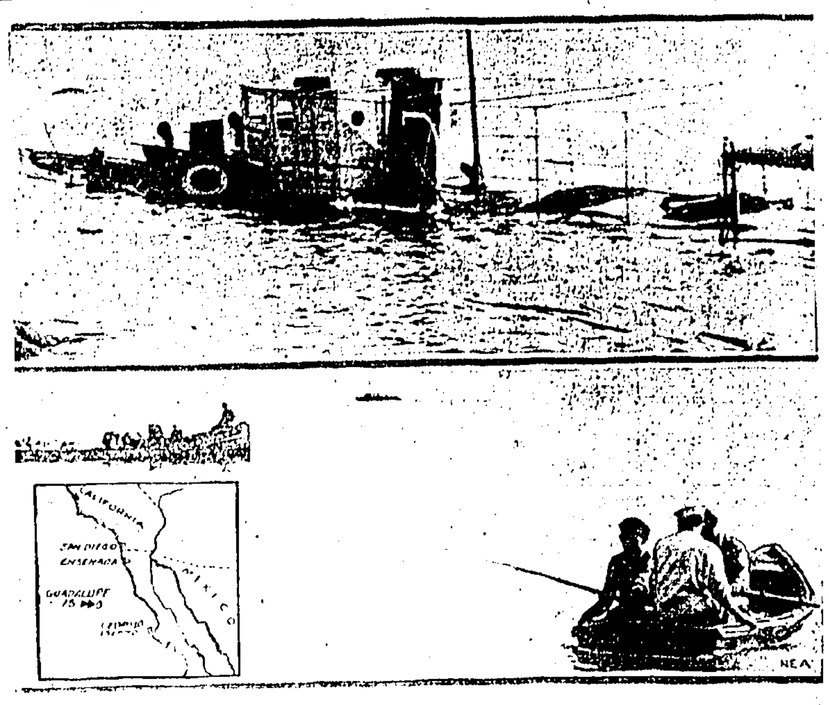
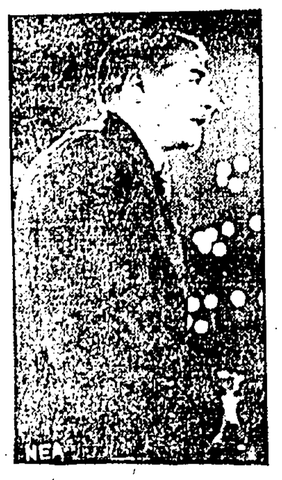


Photos showing the sinking of the yacht Eola, which sank off the Guadelupes recently. Bottom shows rescuers arriving

Blazing ruins of a chemical concern at Jersey City, N. J. where serious explosions occurred.



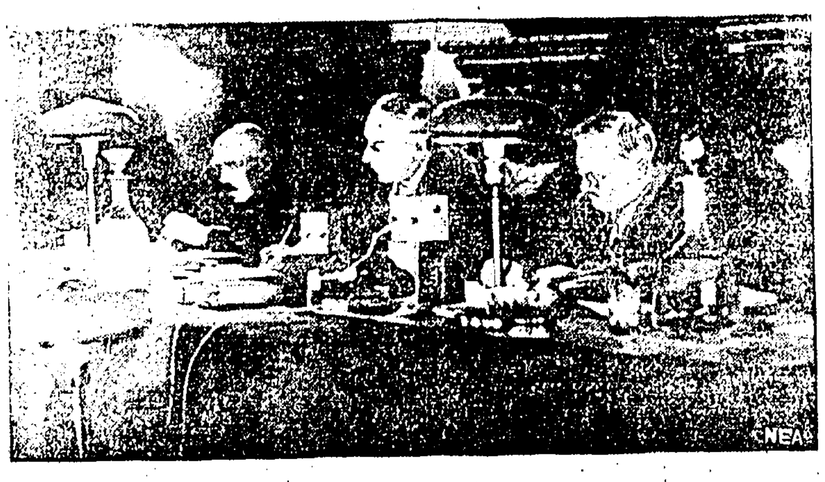


Photo taken during the proceedings at the Moscow "conspiracy trial" showing Ramzin and Larichef facing their "judges." Sentenced to death, commutation was delayed only 24 hours.

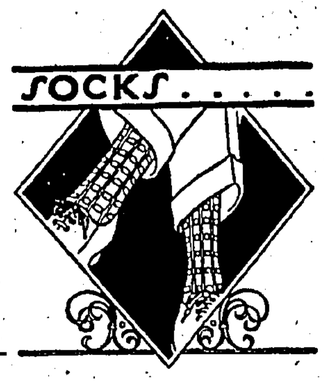
King Carol riding in State through Bucharest, accompanied by Crown Prince Michael, to open the Rumanian Parliament.

Major-General Summerall taking leave on resigning as Chief of Staff, U. S. Army.

Sinclair Lewis is shown above when leaving for Stockolm to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature, the first American so honoured.

Baron Jean Pelleneo and his bride, Miss Frances Kier, of Pittsburgh. The bridegroom is an artist, and the pair met in Paris in 1929.

J. D. Rockfeller, Jun. back from Europe.



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TO LET.—Ground Floor of No. 8A, Des Voeux Road Central, at present in the occupation of the Netherlands India Commercial Bank, available from 1st April, 1931. Apply to David Sassoon & Co. Ltd.

New Advertisements.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

POTATOES, ONIONS, SUGAR AND MUSTARD.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the Officer Commanding, Royal Army Service Corps, Hongkong, at 12 noon on **Monday, February 2nd, 1931,** for the supply of potatoes, onions, sugar and mustard to troops in the Hongkong Area, during a period of three months commencing **1st March, 1931.**

Form of tender and full particulars in connection with these contracts can be obtained by a letter addressed to O.C. R.A.S.C. Victoria Barracks, or in person between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Daily, except Sundays.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on **TUESDAY,**

the **27th January, 1931,**

commencing at **11.30 a.m.**

At No. 178, The Peak.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

Also numerous pot plants.

(Full particulars from catalogue)
On view from Monday, noon, 26th January, 1931.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidators of The Industrial Commercial Bank to sell by Public Auction.

on **WEDNESDAY,**

the **28th January, 1931,**

commencing at 10.30 a.m.

At the premises of The Industrial Commercial Bank, Queen's Road Central.

A Large Quantity of Valuable Office Furniture and Fittings.

Comprising:—

Teak desk, Office chairs, Typewriting tables, Teak filing cabinet, Large carved teak table and chairs, Teak benches, Bookcases, Teak telephone booth, Large and small steel filing cabinets, Copying press, Remington Typewriter, Wall clock, Table fans, Electric wall fans, Electric lights and fittings, Large mirrors, Burroughs adding machine, Sundstrand adding machine, Munroe Calculating machine, Automatic Time Stamp Machine, etc.

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Large Combination Steel cabinet, Herring Hall Marvin Safe, York Safe.

On view from Tuesday, the 27th January, 1931.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on **Friday,**
the **30th January, 1931,**
commencing at 10.30 a.m.
at No. 6, Minden Avenue
(Kowloon).

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Full particulars from catalogue)

On view from Thursday, 29th January, 1931.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, $2020 b.
Chartered Bank, £16¼ b.
Mercantile A. & B., £26 n.
East Asia $120 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., $1,300 n.
Union Ins., $600 s.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
China Underwriters, $3.20 b.
Yangtsze Ins., $50 n.
China Fires, $475 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., $1300 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, $28¾ n.
H. K. Steamboats, $28 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) $27 n.
Union Waterboats, $39 s.

Mining.

Benguets, $11 b.
Kailans, 30/- n:
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1 b.
Raubs, $39½ s.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, $172½ n.
Whampoa Docks, $30 b.
South China Motors $10 n.
China Providents, $5.35 sa (old).
Hongkews, Tls. 284 n.
New Engineerings, Tls. 6¾ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 106 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14 sa.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 90½ (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $12.80 b.
H. K. Land, $84½ sa. (old).
do. $83½ n.
S'hai Land Tls. 350 b.
Humphreys, $17.30 sa.
Realties, $9.35 sa.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, $17.80 sa.
Peak Trams, (old) $14½ n.
Star Ferries, $92½ sa.
China lights, (old) $25.50 b.
H. K. Electrics, $80½ s.
Telephones, $35½ n.
China Buses, Tls. 19 n.
Singapore Tractions, $7/10 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons, $27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 10.75 n.
Canton Ices, $3.60 s.
Cements (Comb) $16.90 s.
Ropes, $13¾ s.
United Asbestos $5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, $26.25 sa.
Watsons, $12.60 b.
Der A. Wings, $1 n.
Lane Crawords, $4 n.
Mackintoshs, $19 n.
Sinceres, $13¼ b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, $23¼ b.
Constructions, $5.20 n.
B' que Ind. G. Bonds, $67½% n.
H.K.G. Loan, 6½% Prem.

BRAZIL'S MONEY.

ROTHSCHILDS MAKE ADVANCE OF £6,500,000.

London, Jan. 24.

News that Rothschild's have arranged a short term credit for the Brazilian Government of £6,500,000 forms the first stage in the reorganisation of Brazilian finance. In connexion with which Sir Otto Niemeyer is shortly leaving for Brazil.—*Reuter.*

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GOLFING PROS AT FANLING.

AMATEURS SQUARE THE MATCH.

Before a crowd of about 250 spectators, made up of members and other residents of the Colony interested in golf, a four-ball match was played at Fanling yesterday afternoon between "Wild" Bill Mehlhorn and Bobby Cruikshank, the American professionals, and O. E. C. Marton and I. W. Shewan, representing the Royal Hongkong Golf Club. His Excellency the Governor was on the first tee, and saw the beginning of the match.

The local players put up a very good game indeed, and at the 16th hole were dormie two, the professionals facing possible defeat. However, they managed to win the last two holes, squaring a very attractive game. The wind was blowing southeast steadily the whole three hours of play, and the afternoon was kind, although at one time in the morning it looked as if rain might fall.

The professionals started off with the new American ball, while the club members played with the English standard, but Cruikshank took to the latter after the fifth hole. The styles of the two professionals were very different indeed. Mehlhorn, with his broad muscular frame, used his full weight with a sway on his hips while the smaller Cruikshank had a beautiful pivot. Of the two club members, Marton gave a really fine display, and it may be said that it was through his efforts that the local two were so successful.

There were four outstanding shots in the course of the afternoon, the first being from Cruikshank, whose second at the ninth with a brassie was a really wonderful stroke. At the 10th Mehlhorn hooked his drive slightly so as to have the trees between him and the hole, but he extricated himself with a perfect second on to the green. At the 13th Marton hooked his second into the rough on the left of the green about pin high, and niblicked out successfully, sinking his putt for a four, thereby halving the hole. Mehlhorn once more figured after hooking his drive into the rough on the 15th, and again making a splendid recovery. Individual scores were:

Mehlhorn:
Out:—4, 5, 3, 4, 4, 5, 3, 4, 5=37
In: —4, 5, 3, 5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 3=37
Total, 74.
Cruikshank:
Out:—4, 5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4, 5=38
In: —5, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 5, 4=37
Total, 75.
Marton:
Out:—4, 4, 2, 3, 5, 5, 4, 4, 6=37
In: —4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 6, 4=37
Total, 74.
Shewan:
Out:—5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 6=39
In: —, 5, 3, —, —, 3, 3, 5, 4

HOCKEY MATCHES.

INTERESTING GAMES ON SATURDAY.

After leading by two clear goals, St. Andrew's Club, in their hockey match with a team from H.M.S. Berwick on the Navy ground at King's Park on Saturday, gave way to a strong onslaught by the sailors, who equalised and finally ran out winners by the odd goal in five.

Play was fast from the bully-off. N. Mackay and S. MacNider, for the Club, each scored a goal; the former with a lucky shot and the latter with an effort which was all his own. The strenuous nature of the game then began to tell on the Club players, and it was the Navy team which took up the offensive, in the second half having matters pretty much their own way. Their first goal came from P. O. Dancy, whose effort was emulated successfully by Corpl. Keery, R.M., who planted the equalising goal with a fine shot. Soon after this, a change in the disposition of the Club team was effected, as Miller surrendered his position as goalie to E. White, who had been playing back.

The winning goal for the Navy team was netted by P. O. Dancy, with a shot sent in from the left. The ball struck White on the shoulder and then went into the net. The match concluded soon afterwards.

Y.M.C.A. Draw with Indians.

The Y.M.C.A. drew with the H. K. Indian Police team on their own ground at King's Park on Saturday. Play was extremely fast, the curious feature being that of the total of eight goals, four were scored by the Indians in the first half, and the remaining four by their opponents in the second half. The European team had cause for congratulation in thus overcoming a big handicap and equalising.

Recreio Ladies Win.

Playing on the K.B.S.F.P.A. ground on Saturday the Club de Recreio Ladies' XI defeated the Kowloon Ladies Hockey Club by two clear goals.

NATIONALIST FORCES.

GENERALS APPOINTED TO COMMAND RAILWAYS.

Nanking, Jan. 24.

President Chiang Kai-shek has appointed the following Generals to command the Government forces along the Tsinpu, Lunghai, Kinhan railways, respectively—Wang Chun, Ku Chu-ching, and Hsu Yuan-chuan.

The orders concerning these appointments state that in the event of emergency not only troops but all railway officials will be subject to the orders of these Generals.—*Reuter.*

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded *via Siberia* if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Parcels only (London 19th Dec., 1930), and Straits	Khiva	January 26.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. 3rd Jan.)	Emp. of Asia	January 26.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuen Sang	January 26.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 2nd Jan.)	Pres. Taft	January 26.
Japan	Ginyo Maru	January 27.
Amoy	Tjikembang	January 27.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjikembang	January 27.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 8th Jan.)	Tottori Maru	January 28.
Sandakan	Tjipanas	January 28.
Amoy & Swatow	Cremer	January 28.
Java and Manila	Tjimanuk	January 28.
Japan	Nellore	January 28.
Europe via Suez (letter & papers London 1st., Jan. 1931 and parcels 25th., Dec. 1930)	Malwa	January 30.
Japan and Shanghai	Comorin	January 30.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 10th January)	Pres. McKinley	January 30.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 7th January)	Hikawa Maru	January 31.
Java	Storviken	January 31.
Shanghai & Amoy	Tjibadak	February 1.
Japan and Shanghai	Andre Lebon	February 3.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	February 4.
Japan	La Plata Maru.	February 5.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. 17th January)	Emp. of Canada	February 7.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 9th January)	Pres. Fillmore	February 7.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 16th January)	Pres. Jefferson	February 9.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and when mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangea	Mon., Jan. 26, 3 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Jackson	Mon., Jan. 26. Parcels 3.00 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5.00 p.m. (Due San Francisco, 18th Feb.)
Manila	Rondo	Mon., Jan. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Mon., Jan. 26, 4 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jackson	Mon., Jan. 26. Registration 5.00 p.m. Letters 6.00 p.m.
Amoy	Yuensang	Mon., Jan. 26, 5.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Lahn	Mon., Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
Hoihow & Haiphong	New Mathilde	Tues., Jan. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Khiva	Tues., Jan. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Tues., Jan. 27, 1 p.m.
Straits	Seistan	Tues., Jan. 27, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Haval	Tues., Jan. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Taft	Tues., Jan. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hang Sang	Tues., Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjikembang	Wed., Jan. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Wed., Jan. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Jan. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong	Wed., Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru	Thurs., Jan. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kiungchow	Thurs., Jan. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Cremer	Thurs., Jan. 29, 10.30. p.m.
Shanghai & *Europe via Siberia	Tjipanas	Thurs., Jan. 29, Reg. 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Jan. 30, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Comorin	Sat., Jan. 31. K.P.O. Parcels Jan. 30, 4.30 p.m. Registration Jan. 31, 9.00 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels Jan. 30, 5 p.m. Registration Jan. 31, 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 27th Feb.)
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Nellore	Sat., Jan. 31, Parcels Jan. 30, 5 p.m. Registration Jan. 30, 5 p.m. Letters Jan. 31, 8.30 a.m. (Due Brisbane 17th February).
Japan and *Canada via Victoria B.C.	Tyndareus	Sat., Jan 31, Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 24th February.)
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Sat., Jan. 31, 4.30 p.m.
Japan	Ginyo Maru	Sat., Jan. 31, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Yusang	Sun., Feb. 1, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton	Sun., Feb. 1, 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Mon., Feb. 2. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.
Manila & Java via Sourabaya	Tjibadak	Tues. Feb. 3, 9.30 a.m.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Andre Lebon	Tues., Feb. 3. K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 6th Mar.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues., Feb. 3, 2. p.m.
Straits	Philoctetes	Tues., Feb. 3, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and *San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia	Asama Maru	Wed., Feb. 4. Registration Feb. 3, 5 p.m. Letters Feb. 4, 8.30 a.m. (Due San Francisco 25th February).
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. and *Europe via Siberia	Empress of Japan	Thurs., Feb. 5. Parcels Feb. 4, 5 p.m. Registration Feb. 5, 9.15 a.m. Letters Feb. 5, 10 a.m. (Due Vancouver B.C. 20th February).
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and *South American Ports	La Plata Maru	Fri., Feb. 6, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Sat., Feb. 7, 8.30 p.m.

*Superscribed Correspondence only.

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Washington, Jan. 24.

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CINEMA NOTES.

GRETA GARBO TO APPEAR IN "ROMANCE."

The invariably successful combination of Greta Garbo as star and Clarence Brown as director whose joint efforts resulted in such outstanding screen contributions as "Flesh and the Devil," "A Woman of Affairs" and "Anna Christie," is again seen in Miss Garbo's new all talking production, "Romance," which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

The new vehicle was adopted from the stage hit by Edward Sheldon which following a successful engagement in America was taken to England where it played for more than three years with Doris Keane in the role portrayed by Miss Garbo on the talking screen.

The story presents the romance of a foreign opera star whose past mistakes contrive to frustrate the first true love she has ever encountered. The settings are laid in a society environment of New York in the old days when hoopskirts and bustles were fashionable, Miss Garbo presenting a quaint appearance in the antiquated styles. An unusual feature of the picture is the inclusion of a prologue and epilogue, the main story being told in a flashback.

An expert supporting cast was chosen to support the star in her second dialogue picture, including Lewis Stone, Gavin Gordon, Elliott Nugent, Florence Lake, Clara Blandick, Henry Armetta, Mathilde Comont and Countess Nina de Liguoro.

Report has it that "Romance" is by far the finest characterization given by Greta to date.

"Mamba" at the Central.

Claude Fleming, who plays the role of Major Cromwell in Tiffany's all-talking, all-Technicolour production, "Mamba", was born in Sydney, Australia. For years he was prominent on the English stage, but it was only a short time ago that he made his debut in American motion pictures in "The Green Goddess."

When "Mamba" was started a man versed in the native East African dialect was needed and Fleming, who has had a vast experience in the English Colonies, was chosen for this work. However, his fine military bearing, splendid physique and cultivated English voice caused Director Al Rogell to cast his recently selected Dialogue Director for the important role of the English Major.

"Mamba," a powerful drama of love, hate and adventure in the African jungle, is showing for the last time to-day at the Central Theatre, with Jean Hersholt, Eleanor Boardman and Ralph Forbes featured.

"The Call of the Flesh."

To the series of personal triumphs registered by Ramon Novarro since his advent into the talkies has to be added a further success scored in "The Call of the Flesh," which commenced a week's run at the Queen's Theatre yesterday. His admirers who had expected to see a further proof of his powers as a great portrayer of song and romantic roles, were not disappointed, for they witnessed a striking combination of the two gifts in this picture, which shows him at his very best. Novarro's mellow voice charmed his audience as much as his role in the production appealed to their sentiments.

Supporting Novarro was a cast comprised of such well-known film personalities as Renee Adoree, Dorothy Jordan, and Ernest Torrence.

A Hearst Newsreel completes a very attractive programme which is well worth seeing.

INCENDIARISTS BUSY.

FURTHER BLAZES IN CUBAN CANEFIELDS.

Havana, Jan. 24.

Already 1,825,000 lbs. of cane sugar have been destroyed by another fire, which is still spreading in plantations in Matanzas province. Police are investigating, but the suspected incendiarists have so far not been traced.—*Reuter.*

[Previous messages indicate an intense incendiarism campaign in the Cuban canefields. Last week more than a million pounds of cane were destroyed in conflagrations in Havana and Matanzas provinces.]

WOMEN'S WORLD

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YOUR CHILDREN.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

You cannot force a sensitive child. Shaming him, scolding him and trying to force him to the front are cruel and useless methods.

Sensitiveness is no crime. It does not always indicate an inferiority complex either. But if it does, then that is all the more reason for avoiding such methods. Coercion will be likely to fix inferiority if it exists. Furthermore it will develop if it is not already there.

For a shrinking child soon realizes that he is different, that he lacks the spunk of his brothers and sisters, and there is born in him an intense dislike of himself. He feels that because he is different he has fallen short and the consciousness of it sears his soul

Often Artistic in Tastes.

The sensitive child usually is emotional, weighing things by his own feelings rather than directly as his hardier "extrovert" brother does. He enjoys keenly, but he suffers in proportion. The arts have drawn largely from these ranks because of the very ability of such people to interpret life.

That is why the sensitive child is generally artistic in his tastes.

Instead of trying to revamp his nature, insisting on him doubling up his fists at life, and trouncing him if he doesn't, I would accept him as he is and consider what can be done. For of all the children in the family he may be the most desirable if he is not ruined in the handling.

He needs to be happy to have certain beautiful things for his own, to be treated with great kindness and respect by everyone.

At the same time he should be tactfully coaxed into outdoor exercise. He may not be a sport fan, jumping into the rough and ready games of the others, or be intensely interested in athletics, but a kindred soul can take long walks with him and turn his attention to the wonders of nature and all outdoors. Also, I would provide things to keep him busy. He may have a tendency to dream instead of work, but if work can be found that catches his interest I should find him plenty do to along that line.

Seeks Relief in Books.

The sensitive or high-strung child will fall into the habit of seeking his dream world if he is unhappy. The more distasteful he finds his surroundings, the more likely he will be to withdraw into his own thoughts, or seek release into the romance of a book.

Not all book-lovers by any means are seeking escape from unhappy reality, but among them are these unfortunate spirits. That does not mean that healthy books are not the finest things in the world for children. They are, but we now are looking at motive behind a fixed habit.

Praise does so much for the sensitive child where all other means fail, praise and love. Try to reach him and develop him through his real interests. If self-respect and confidence are bolstered up it may amaze you to find this shy violet blooming into a huskier species later on by hidden forces within himself.

A DAINTY FINISH.

A novel fastening for several rows of pearls takes the form of a flower. Thus a daisy made of brilliants set in silver may be worn in the front as a pendant or at one side.

FASHION NOTES.

Beautiful Materials.

Materials are of supreme importance this winter; their textures govern the formality of coat or costume. One may not wear jersey after 12, nor broadcloth after dark; velvet is strictly p.m., though velveteen may show itself in the morning, and so on, through the twenty odd hours of sartorial life.

The great textile creators have surpassed themselves, both in the quantity and quantity of their goods, this season. They have invented an unbelievable number of new weaves and surfaces.

There is, for example, phosphora, a new *crepe satin* all made of artificial silk which shines with an indescribable, metallic, liquid gloss; there are metal chiffons, and chiffons embroidered or woven with metallic threads, triple georgette is made of metal too, and plain triple georgette is liked for its "lack-lustre" elegance.

The new mousseline broadcloth, which is everything its name suggests, vies with velvet for afternoon coats and dresses.

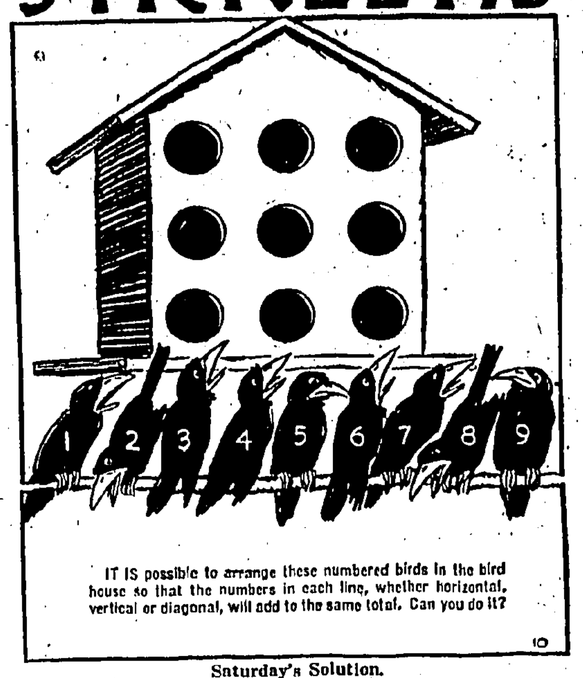
The floral mousselines, satins, and crepe-de-Chines are all exquisite, while the wool serges and silk serges, devoted to morning suits, are full of the crisp modernity of our lively times.

Clan plaids are with us again. The authentic tartans of various Scottish clans are used for dresses or blouses, either alone, or in combination with plain materials. A new coat-dress *ensemble* of navy-blue silk serge is trimmed with a brilliant plaid, in which red is the predominating colour, while entire dresses and suits are made from quieter plaids in blues, blacks, greys and greens.

Effective Trimming.

Effective use is made of rather wide silk braid on this charming house-frock of Havana-brown taffetas. It edges the skirt flounces and those on the sleeves, outlines the V neckline, and forms a trim waistbelt.

STICKLERS

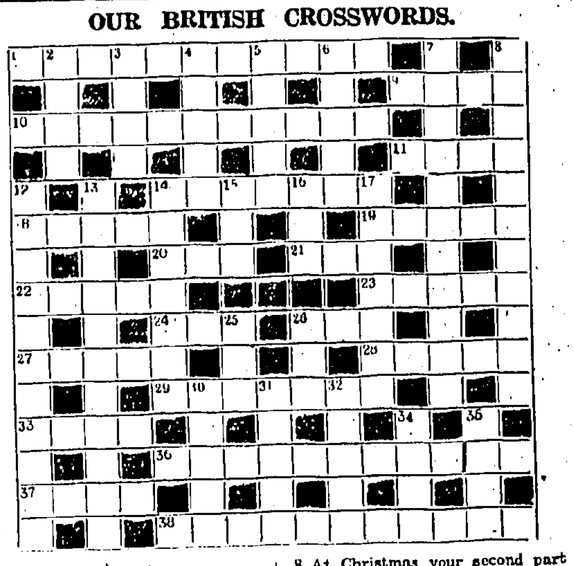


IT IS possible to arrange these numbered birds in the bird house so that the numbers in each line, whether horizontal, vertical or diagonal, will add to the same total. Can you do it?

Saturday's Solution.

The miller ground one bushel and one-ninth, or ten-ninths bushels. After he took one-tenth of the full amount of flour, nine-tenths, or one bushel, was left. His one-tenth of the full amount was thus equal to one-ninth of the bushel.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



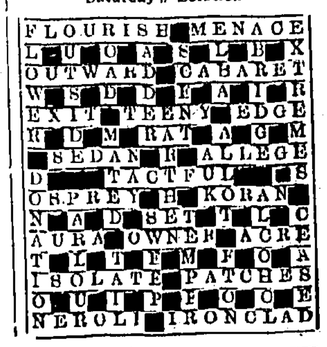
Across

1 Appertaining to the measurement of light intensity.
9 Leave the matter to Ned. Strife around that quarter is his affair (hidden).
10 "Walk on edge, C." (anag.).
11 A great Siberian river with a feminine name.
14 Pricked or goaded—named the rod.
18 A French word meaning nut for a screw with which it rhymes.
19 An aerial path.
20 When he comes after this it is easily bent.
21 This animal scunds new.
22 The county town of Clare.
23 This row starts in a fine Scottish way.
24 Comes from the back part of the scalp.
26 To trouble.
27 Transmit or pardon.
28 Here a Scot helps prominently to pay an old-fashioned reckoning.
29 Importune.
33 An abbreviated racing term.
36 "Hail on! taxes" (anag.).
37 There is hope now and again in Chicago of improvement (hidden).
38 Purely.

Down

2 Kick this literary drudge.
3 If one were given an extra head what style one would achieve!
4 May I call this a shaving instrument often borrowed by a neighbour?
5 "And wheels rush in where horses fear to—."—Autocrat of the Breakfast Table.
6 A familiar friend in the fireplace.
7 "Seen clamber" (anag).
8 At Christmas your second part will probably contain the first part—of turkey.
12 Acuteness.
13 Found in every broadcasting station in the world.
14 Throb.
15 Gone forth.
16 You can see this animal means to follow closely.
17 "Think of a number, &c." This one of a pair sounds rather like the "&c." of the first sentence.
25 Give this Irishman some 'bacy and he will become a Meredithian
26 What the chicken got in the neck.
30 An island in the Ægean Sea.
31 Everyone should read "The Cloister and the Hearth," by this novelist.
32 Watch for an annual musician.
34 The pen name of the author of "The Laird o' Cockpen."
35 Line up.

Saturday's Solution



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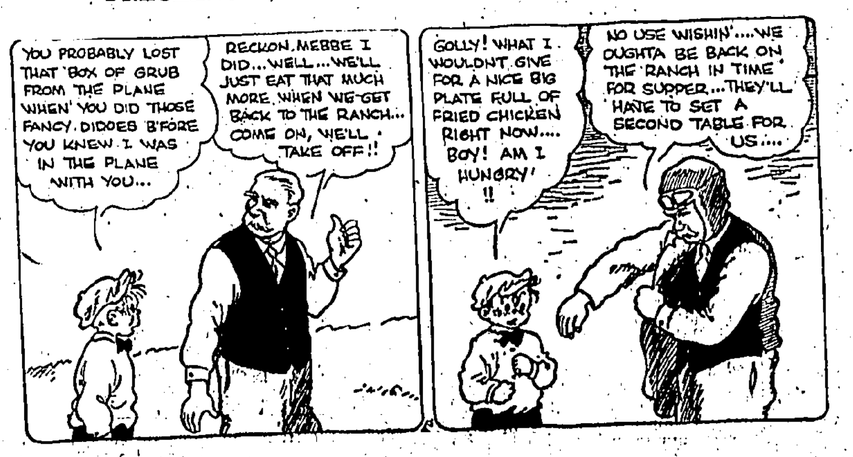

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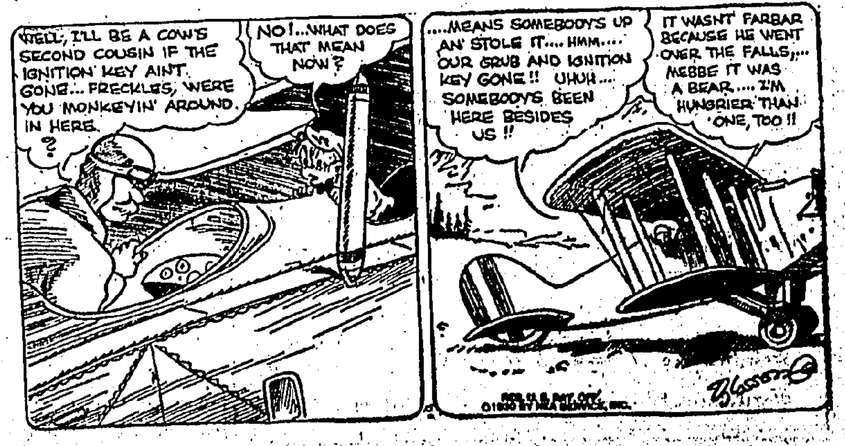

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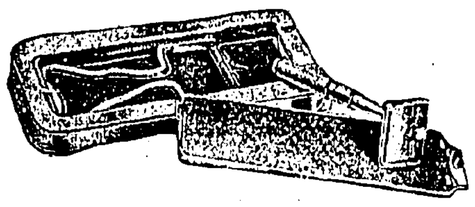

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TAMPERING WITH A GOOD LAW.

With so many other more vital and urgent issues demanding attention, it is to be regretted that the time of the House of Commons should be diverted to the question of Trade Union law. However, the Labour Government gave an undertaking, before it came into office, that it would introduce a measure to amend the Trade Disputes and Trades Unions Act of 1927, and, to satisfy its supporters, that promise is being fulfilled. The Liberals, at the moment, are staying their hands, as they have indicated that they will abstain from voting on the second reading of the Bill, but they intend to press for amendments when the Committee Stage is reached. How far the Government will be willing to make concessions remains to be seen, but in view of the attitude of some of the Liberals, who are known to dislike vital parts of the measure, it is conceivable that there will be some close voting when the more controversial provisions come up for detailed consideration.

In his plea for the Bill, Sir William Jowitt urged that the right to strike must be maintained. That right, however, as we have already had occasion to point out, exists under the Act which it is now intended to amend. That Act does not in any way affect the genuine industrial strike. Under its provisions, a strike is illegal only if it satisfies each of two conditions—firstly, if it has an object other than or in addition to a trade dispute within the trade or industry in which the strikers are engaged; and, secondly, if it is designed or calculated to coerce the Government. It will thus be seen that even a sympathetic strike within the industry is not affected by the law as it stands, whilst a sympathetic strike outside the industry is only affected if its purpose is to coerce the Government. It is well to note also that under the 1927 Act the ringleaders in an illegal strike were made liable to penalties—the strikers themselves not being punished—and the protection of the Trade Disputes Act of 1926 was removed in the case of such strikes. By the Bill now introduced, however, the protection of the 1906 Act is restored even in the case of strikes which it declares illegal, and no penalty is incurred by anyone except in respect of acts done after the High Court has declared a strike to be illegal. As it would take weeks or months to obtain such a declaration, it follows that anyone may openly organise and bring about a general strike, and that nothing can be done to interfere with it until an action has been tried out in the Courts to declare it illegal. Sir William Jowitt asserts that the new Bill legalises nothing that was illegal in 1926, adding that it had been contended that a general strike was illegal in 1926. It is pertinent to point out, however, that a mere contention does not suffice. It was because of doubts on the exact position that the 1927 Act definitely declared a general strike illegal, and we have already shown how, under the terms of the amending Bill, a general strike might very well be brought about before it could be declared contrary to the law. In any event, we cannot see why Labour needs to interfere with the clearly-expressed provisions of the existing law when we are told that there is no intention of legalising the general strike.

There are many other provisions of the Bill equally open to objection, but these must stand over for future reference if the occasion so warrants. A Labourite supporter of the measures recently declared that the main objection to the 1927 Act was that it placed impediments in the way of co-operation and goodwill in these days of industrial difficulty. We cannot see that that is so; it merely clarifies the law on terms which ought to be fully acceptable to all but the professional agitator. We have no recollection of any marked opposition amongst the working classes to the Act as it stands; on the contrary, we have seen it definitely stated that nearly half the members of Unions have claimed exemption from the political levy under provisions of the Act which the amending Bill would repeal. On the point of arousing industrial fiction, we cannot but feel that the Bill and all the heated argument which it must engender will encourage it rather than otherwise. The law as it stands provides ample safeguards and protection for the honest worker. To meddle with it as the Government is doing is only to rake up the memory of past conflicts which are best forgotten.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Dog Case.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph.*]

Sir,—Much ink has been spilt over the recent police court case over a dog, but in my humble opinion all your correspondents so far seem to have missed a very important point.

The magistrate dismissed the case on the strength of the veterinary surgeon's report that the dog was dead before it was toasted. This evidence is in direct contradiction of the Indian constable's statement that he *heard the dog howling*, and since the learned magistrate has seen fit to accept the vet.'s report, I take it he must hold the view that the Indian constable's statement was not correct.

It is to the public interest that a high standard of truthfulness be maintained in the police force, and to this end I think the powers that be are lacking in their duty in not pursuing the matter further. There is every reason why this particular case should be closely investigated.

I wonder whether their justice would permit these villagers to charge the constable with unlawful arrest, and also bring suit for damages for the stain to their characters?—Yours etc.,

PORKIE

Pun Choi was charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with the theft of a serge suit, a cotton suit, a pair of black trousers, a leather bag and a jacket, the property of Chok Puig; a pair of cotton trousers, the property of Chan Chun; and a blue cotton jacket, the property of Li Pun, all of 866, Canton Road on Saturday night. Mr. Butters imposed sentence of six weeks' imprisonment.

DAY BY DAY

THE ART OF LIFE CONSISTS IN PUTTING OURSELVES INTO THE PLACE OF THOSE WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND, AS WELL AS OF THOSE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND US.—*Ivan Panin.*

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The P. and O. s.s. Malwa, from Singapore, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

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An amended notification states that the E. and A. Company's s.s. Nellor is due here from Moji on Wednesday, p.m.

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Owing to the illness of General Chan Ming-shu, who has been indisposed for several days, Commissioner Hsu Hsung-ching acted as deputy at the Provincial Council meeting at Canton on Friday.

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The speaker at the Rotary Club meeting at Lane Crawford's restaurant to-morrow (Tuesday) will be Capt. E. Aikman, R.N.R., the subject being "The Evolution of Transport by Sea in Recent Times."

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Yuen Sam-yuen, a woman earth-carrier, was yesterday the victim of a serious accident at Wanchai Road, when she was run over by a two-wheeled truck, heavily laden with earth, and had both legs broken above the knees. She was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition.

HEAVY FINES TO STOP HARBOUR OFFENCES.

WOMEN ON BOARD SMALL CRAFT.

Heavy fines were imposed on two boatpeople at the Marine Court before the Hon. Commdr. Hole this morning, when charges of using their boats to convey women for prostitution were proved.

One defendant denied the charge and evidence was given by Sgt. Jessop to the effect that on Saturay evening, he found the defendant's boat going alongside the s.s. Kalgan. On board he found six girls.

Saying that such offences were getting more frequent and that they had to be stopped, his Worship imposed a fine of $75 with the alternative of 10 weeks' hard labour.

The male defendant pleaded guilty and the same fine was imposed.

THE OLD STORY.

DEFENDANT WHO FORGOT GIVEN REMINDER.

Charged at a previous hearing for boarding the Hongpeng without permission and found guilty, a boarding-house runner appeared again before the Hon. Commdr. Hole at the Marine Court this morning, with regard to an allegation by the Police that defendant had a previous conviction. This defendant denied.

When the case came up again this morning, defendant admitted he had been convicted before.

His Worship.—Why did you lie?

Defendant.—I was not lying. I did not go on board the Hongpeng the last time I was charged.

His Worship.—What has the ship got to do with it? You are fined $35.

THE ART OF THE PRODUCER.

By C. B. PURDOM, Author of "Producing Plays."

THERE are plenty of good plays and any number of good amateur actors; but success on the amateur stage depends upon production.

I know that there are people who would dispute that statement, for they consider that the right play is enough in itself, or that a sufficient number of capable actors can do what is necessary to please an audience. They are the people who look upon the performance of a play as the outcome of a succession of fortunate accidents. Amateurs who take their work seriously, however, know that these easy people are wrong. The play and the actors depend upon the producer.

What is the producer's function? It is to get the written play interpreted on the stage. He has to get carried out in acting, staging, costumes and lighting what the dramatist has written in the form of dialogue and stage directions. The producer is the leader of a dramatic company. He organises the stage production. He controls the play as a whole. He makes a unity of the play, acting and staging. That is why the producer must know something of all the arts of the theatre: he should really be a master of them; but perhaps that is too much to expect. Because so much is expected of them good producers are scarce, even on the professional stage.

There are producers who tend to be concerned only with their own ideas. They make production into something that can be separated from the play and acting. We find examples of their work in Russia and in many of the experimental theatres in other countries. This glorification of production is wrong. The producer is not in the theatre to express his own ideas, but to put himself at the service of the play.

Amateur companies may choose professional actors to be their producers—that is, to lead them—or they may choose one of their own number and encourage him (or her) to train himself for the work. But whoever their producer may be they owe him their absolute loyalty. The producer is the master of the stage.

Importance of Climax.

Let us consider how a producer should proceed. He should have a voice in choosing the play and the selection of the cast for it. Then he should study the play until he knows it inside out. He should study every character, and visualise every part of the action until he has the whole movement of the play off by heart. He should decide upon the general effect at which he intends to aim. He should concentrate upon climax—the climax of each act, and the climax of the play itself—so that he may be able to get the point of the play expressed. He must then plan out the production—the characters and their relation to each other; the scenes and their relation to each other; the details of the scenery, properties, costumes and lighting. He should make a scale plan of each scene, showing entrances, exits and position of properties. He should plan out the positions of the actors at the critical moments of the play. To do this properly he should know the stage on which he is to work, its size, its equipment and its peculiarities, and plan his production accordingly.

When the producer has done all that, he should be ready for rehearsals. The first "call" should be a reading; if possible the producer should read the play to his company, failing that, let the players read their own parts. He should then explain his conception of the play and his methods of working. I suggest that he should be as explanatory as possible always. He should urge the players to learn their words without delay. He should arrange when and where the rehearsals are to be held.

"Feel" of the Stage.

If possible, rehearse on a stage. The "feel" of a stage is quite different from that of a room and helps the actors as much as it does the producer. The advantage to the producer is that it enables him to get the play in focus; he can control the grouping much more effectively if he can see it on the stage than he can when close up to the actors in a room. If a stage cannot be obtained rehearse in the largest available room. Always remember at rehearsals the actual dimensions of the acting area of the stage you are to use and work within those measurements. It is a good plan, if time is limited as it usually is, to rehearse the parts as they come together in the play irrespective of the acts in which they appear. If this is done it is well to call a straight through rehearsal occasionally.

The first aim in rehearsing should be to establish general effects. Details should come after. The producer should not attempt everything at once, but work from the general to the particular. He must get the play moving as a whole.

Properties, such as chairs and tables, used in the action, and clothes that are worn, taken off or put on should be brought into use at once. If the actual properties or clothes are not available substitutes should be used. The producer should not let the actors imagine the presence of these things, because they will not succeed in doing so.

The players should do more than half their work away from the rehearsals. Private study and practice are essential for success, and the producer should encourage his company to undertake them.

Advice to Players.

Co-operation is the principle of success on the stage. The producer must get his company to realise that each player depends upon the rest, and that the play is the result of the entire company and the stage staff working enthusiastically and faithfully together.

The producer should aim at getting the play fully expressed in its acting. This means that the staging can be simple. So long as there is room for the actor and for the action of the play, you have the essentials of production. Scenery, lighting and so on, important as they are, follow after. There is no need to exhaust yourself over staging. A simple plain curtain, neutral in colour, or black, will give you a setting for nearly every play.

I do not say that the amateur need stop there: he can go on with scene designs and the construction of built up sets and be as elaborate as he pleases. But he should first work at his acting. So that production on the amateur stage (as on the professional stage) means first to make everything clear for the actor, and then to attend to decoration for the actor's back-ground.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending the 17th inst. shows the following cases of infectious diseases and deaths therefrom: Plague, Alexandria 1 case, Baghdad 1 case, 1 death, Bassein 1 death and Pnom-Penh 1 case and 1 death. Cholera, Bombay 20 cases, 6 deaths, Calcutta 86 cases, 25 deaths, Madras 21 deaths, Rangoon 1 case, 1 death, Bangkok 2 cases, 1 death and Saigon 1 case and 1 death. Smallpox, Bombay 2 cases. Calcutta 28 cases, 10 deaths, Cochin 5 cases, 1 death, Madras 4 cases, Penang 3 cases, Saigon 3 cases, 2 deaths, and Shanghai 2 deaths.

"That's the trade I'm going to learn, if I ever get anything to practice on."

CHANCE FOR LOCAL SPORTSMEN.

BIG GAME HUNTING IN INDO-CHINA.

M. Paul Varenne, a professional big game hunter, is at present in Hongkong endeavouring to form shooting parties in French Indo-China. Already he has booked Lieut. Bromwell, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, as well as a Chinese resident of Canton, and he hopes before his departure for Manila at the end of this month to secure the names of other sportsmen.

For the information of those who may be contemplating a hunting trip, it may be explained that M. Varenne is associated with Mons. P. Lecat in these expeditions, both having had a wide experience of big game hunting. They have two bungalows in Indo-China, situated within convenient reach of the best hunting grounds, and they can assure sportsmen of a thoroughly exciting holiday.

Those making the trip pay their own transportation to and from Saigon, but the remainder of the expenses are covered by a charge of £120 for a month's shooting or £200 for two months. A feature of the scheme is that a quarter of these sums is paid on arrival in Indo-China, and if no success is secured, nothing further is charged. Arms and ammunition are provided, as well as food and drink during the whole expedition.

The present time, the dry season, is the best for hunting, and those interested are asked to get into communication with M. Varenne (Room 45 Hotel Cecil) without delay.

THE PROHIBITION MUDDLE.

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will assert positive leadership out of the muddle a potential presidential possibility.

Commissioner's View.

Col. Henry W. Anderson, a member of the Wickersham commission, said to-day that "taken as a whole, the report favours the modification of the eighteenth amendment."

"A flat recommendation of that sort is not contained in the report," he added, "but the full report of the commission also includes the individual reports the members were permitted to file. Examination of these reports shows that five members favour modification now. Four favour giving it further trial, then modifying it if it doesn't succeed. The other two would eliminate the amendment altogether.

"A clear majority of the commission agreed to the changes proposed in the general report, five favouring them now and the other four favouring them if further trial doesn't succeed."

Member Declines To Sign.

Monte Lemann, member of President Herbert Hoover's law enforcement commission, declined to sign the report of that body because he was convinced that prohibition could not be enforced, he said to-day.

He said public opinion will not sustain enforcement.

Lemann sees a repeal of the 18th amendment as the only remedy for a bad situation growing out of prohibition.

LOCAL YACHTING.

RESULTS OF NINTH CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

Conditions were rather rough in the harbour on Saturday afternoon when the Ninth Championship Race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was sailed over 7.15 miles, the course extending from North Fairway Buoy to Rumsey Shoal.

Many yachts took part in the race, but the sea was rather choppy, and five failed to finish the race, among them being Adanac, which had her mast carried away.

The results of the "H" Class, which started at 2.30 p.m., are as follow:

	Times Finished	Times Corrected
Colleen (5)	4.10.55	4.02.32
Rolla (4)	4.06.16	4.01.55
Norena (3)	4.01.52	4.01.52
Argulla II (2)	4.10.00	4.01.37
Dorothea (1)	4.07.29	3.59.00

Diana and La Linda did not finish.

The following are the results of the "I", "Y", and "G" Glasses, which started at 2.35 p.m.:

	Times Finished	Times Corrected
Jessamine (3)	4.28.00	4.25.00
Why Wonder? (6)	4.57.42	4.55.46
Bluejacket (5)	4.35.34	4.33.38
Boojum (1)	4.25.41	4.23.45
Speedwell (4)	3.35.05	4.33.09
Zephyr (2)	4.30.13	4.24.25

Daphne, Wings and Adanac did not finish.

CHINA CURRENCY PROBLEMS.

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exchange will be profitable to those enjoying the game at present, after they have ruined foreign trade.

The problem now does not seem to be: can China introduce the Gold standard but does China want to introduce the Gold standard?

We have the Kemmerer report advising it and common sense shows that the gold standard is the only way out of the present currency muddle. Now another financial expert has been invited.

I wonder why, unless it is for "making believe" that it is the intention to do something.

"Simple Suggestion."

Another correspondent, signing himself "curious", writes:

Sir,—Having read with a deal of interest the multitude of reasons for the rapid decline and ultimate stagnation in silver value may I be permitted to enter the "contest of ideas" with, what appears to me, to be a simple suggestion for betterment.

Putting aside the glaring facts of trade returns, etc., and getting down to one practical point in the utilization of the metal—why not *create* a demand for silver by *forcing it into circulation?*

Could not the National Government of China immediately establish a coinage of high silver content in values of say

$1.00 piece
0.50 ,,
0.25 ,,
0.10 ,,
0.05 (if practicable)

and at the same time retain the copper subsidiary coin of smaller amounts. Immediately shut down on the issue of notes of lesser value than the $5.00 bill, when such coinage is in hand in sufficient quantity.

Buy Instead of Borrowing.

The present gold reserve available could be used in the purchase (not loan) of the available 200,000,000 ozs. from U.S.A. at an extremely low rate and it appears to me that values are of a certainty bound to appreciate vide British currency of which the lowest paper value is 10/- and there appears to be no difficulty.

Silver when in circulation is bound to create demand due to hoarding, etc., etc., and at present we suffer from paper money in abundance at low denomination.

It should be explained that throughout North China, silver coinage is almost non-existent, paper-money being in circulation for ten-cent values. Shanghai's silver coins, those few in circulation, are at a discount. They are called "small money" and notes "big money."

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

The Police Reserve Orders issued by the Hon. Mr. E. W. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector General of Police, follow:—

General.

Revolver Practice.—There will be no revolver practice at the Kennedy Road Range on Wednesday, January 28th, 1931.

Police Training School.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held as usual on Tuesday, January 27th, at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company, and of the Flying Squad who have not passed Part 2 of Training Course should attend.

Squad Drill.

All recruits of the Chinese Company, and of the Flying Squad will attend at Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday, January 29th, at 5.30 p.m. under L/Sgt. R333 A. W. Mooney.

Chinese Company.

Commendation.—Lance Sergeant R33 Tso Chi On of the Chinese Company, Hongkong Police Reserve is commended by the Hon. I. G. P. for zeal and alertness on 21st December, 1930 in arresting one Wong Sing who was sentenced to 4 weeks hard labour for Larceny.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, January 27th. Fall in at Tsim-tsa-tsui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform and Cap with White Cover.

The final instructional patrol of the month of the Hongkong Section will take place on Friday, January 30th, and all members should take part in this patrol. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform and Cap with White Cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Rifle Club.—The Rifle Club will hold a miniature range practice on Thursday, January 29th, at 5.15 p.m.

Rifle Practice.—A Company shoot will be held on the Stonecutters Range on Sunday, February 1st. A launch will leave the Police Pier, Kowloon at 2.00 p.m. Uniform optional.

(Sgd.) D. L. KING,
D.S.P. (R).

Hongkong, January 26th, 1931.

SHAW'S DOUBLE.

COUSIN BUT ONCE REMOVED

MAN AND SUPERMAN.

Those who regard Bernard Shaw as rather less of a man than a superman will be disconcerted to learn that people who happen to be related to him scarcely worry about it, says a correspondent of the *News-Chronicle*. I talked today with Mr. A. H. Beagin, who lives in a small villa in Shelley-road, Hove. Mr. Beagin is Mr. Shaw's first cousin once removed, and so closely resembles the great author that for a moment I thought I was in his presence without having first passed the barrier he has erected again those who disturb him.

For the benefit of those who are not strong on cousins it may be explained that Mr. Beagin's mother and Mr. Shaw's father were cousins. Mr. Beagin is a contemporary of his famous relative, but has not seen him since they were young men in Dublin half a century ago.

They have, however, kept up a regular correspondence.

What Shaw Wrote.

"What," I asked Mr. Beagin, "does it feel like to be the first cousin once removed of George Bernard Shaw?" Mr. Beagin, who is a member of an Irish family which has given many officers to the Army, answered at once: "I don't know that I have ever thought about it, nor can I recollect that the relationship has been of any benefit to me. Mr. Shaw once wrote to say that he could not acknowledge removed cousins, so possibly that was a benefit. I did not once receive tickets for the first performance of 'Man and Superman,' but my real stroke of luck that day came not from getting a ticket, but from the fact that someone who had seats in the front row could not attend, so I got the seats."

Mr. Beagin is rather inclined to think that the work of his removed first cousin, which to-day is regarded as great, may not lead to the same esteem when a generation which knew not George Bernard Shaw has an opportunity to judge his work. "This may," he said, "sound like heresy, but, after all, there have been other people who wrote with the same brand of humour and whose work is now quite forgotten."

When Shaw Shocks.

Even to-day middle-aged women who are distantly related to Bernard Shaw are inclined to regard him as a person whose name ought not to be mentioned in polite society, and Mr. Beagin tells of an Irish lawyer who, to the day of his death, always changed the subject when anyone spoke of Bernard Shaw. Still younger and even more distant relatives do not, I was told, even bother to read the great man's works.

Mrs. Beagin refused to be drawn into any discussion about Bernard Shaw's greatness.

"I have," she said, "written to Mr. Shaw on many occasions, chiefly on social subjects, because I know that is the quickest way to draw him, and I like teasing him. I remember once he wrote to me on the question of divorce, saying that it should be available at any moment. He rather gave me the impression that all one need do to get divorce was to send a telegram or make a telephone call. At the same time, all this teasing is really a family matter and, knowing something about Irishmen, I can assure all English people that they do not understand Bernard Shaw."

"Leg-Pulling."

"He is not, for instance, an atheist, nor do his characters speak what he really thinks. He just makes them say things in order to pull people's legs, and because he is Irish it may be that occasionally the characters run away and pull the august leg of their creator."

Mr. Beagin has one advantage from his relationship and correspondence with Bernard Shaw. He has so many autographed letters, that in Mrs. Beagin's words, "If we ever become really hard up we can sell them. I believe they are quite valuable nowadays."

POLICE PELTED WITH ONIONS.

COSTERMONGERS' MISSILES.

A disturbance with costermongers during which the police were pelted with onions, apples and potatoes occurred at Hendon recently.

Sub-Divisional Inspector Paice said that 13 costers' barrows were lined up in Watling avenue and hundreds of shoppers had to walk in the road. He and Sergeant Clarke asked several of the stallholders to move and Edwin John Powell (24) did so, but directly witness moved away he put the barrow back on its original site. He refused to give his name and address and when arrested kicked witness on the leg.

Bystanders, it was said, joined in a violent struggle and pelted the police with vegetables. Powell's brother-in-law (Henry Thomas Whylock) was arrested for obstruction and assault.

Whylock was fined £3 and Powell £3 10s.

HANGSANG'S PART IN ALLEGED PIRACY.

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of the Hangsang and covered the crew of the large junk with rifles until they went alongside.

Crew "Played Out."

Mr. Fitzroy:—And when they came alongside, what state were they in?—They were just about played out, I should say.

The compradore of the ship examined the junk's papers and, being satisfied, the junk was taken in tow.

Continuing, witness said that the Hangsang then made towards land chasing one of the two smaller junks. As they got closer, witness, who was talking to the chief officer, saw something thrown overboard. The chief officer then went to the bridge to get the glasses and also to have the advantage of altitude to see what was being discarded. It appeared to be something wrapped in matting and floated for a few seconds before finally disappearing.

As the Hangsang drew close to the junk, the crew was ordered to lower its sail and whilst it was still about 70 or 80 yards away witness saw something else thrown overboard. Witness mentioned that when they came in sight of this junk, after having taken the large one in tow, he could only see three men, whereas before he had seen six. The other three had disappeared.

Handed Over to Somme.

The Hangsang remained with the junk until the arrival of H.M.S. Somme and then handed over the captives.

Mr. Fitzroy:—What about the other junk? What did you see of her?—I didn't see anything of the other junk until the Soochow came on the scene. When the Soochow came up she took charge of her.

Did you see the Soochow round up the other junk?—No, I saw her on several occasions but didn't see her go for the other junk.

You know it was the other junk she had?—Oh, yes; it was the other junk she had.

Not Like Venus.

His Worship asked if these questions were relevant and Mr. Fitzroy replied that he had not proposed calling the officers of the Soochow, but he wanted witness to establish the fact that the junk taken charge of by the Soochow was one of the two he had previously seen. He did not want it said that the junk taken into custody by the Soochow had sprung, like Venus, out of the sea.

Witness was definite that the junk which the Soochow had captured was the other one concerned.

Mr. James Moodie, chief officer of the Hangsang, stated that, attracted by a considerable amount of shouting, he ran from the dining saloon, where he was having his tiffin, on to the main deck. The ship was swing round in the direction of three junks. He observed that the larger of the three junks, then about half-a-mile away, was being vigorously rowed in the ship's direction, with its sail all set.

Rowed with Sails Up.

The two other junks had the appearance of pursuing it, one being almost dead astern and the other coursing in, as if to cut it off the ship. These two pursuing junks were also being vigorously rowed, with their sails up.

As soon as the two smaller junks saw the ship making for them, they altered their course, both heading inshore in different directions. "We got the other junk alongside," said witness, "I received a report from the master and was handed the junk's papers, and I proceeded to take her in tow. A couple of minutes afterwards, the tow rope parted, and we left her to go after the other two junks."

Witness said as they were closing in on the junks, he saw a considerable amount of stuff being thrown overboard from both craft. Five or six times he saw something being thrown overboard, at short intervals. He was too far off to see what the stuff was. As the Hangsang got up to one of the junks, the latter headed out to sea again, but was stopped. Again, just as the Somme came up, he saw something else being thrown overboard.

The other fugitive junk was under observation all the time. Witness saw her captured by the Soochow.

Replying to the Court, witness said the crew of the junk captured by his ship was not in the same exhausted condition as the crew of the junk he first took in tow.

The case was adjourned.

COLDER WEATHER.

The Eastern Sea depression is now central over Mid-Japan. The Tonkin depression is filling up. A strong anticyclo is central over N. China. The monsoon will freshen considerably along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

The forecast till noon tomorrow:—North-east winds, freshening considerably; generally overcast, some drizzle or mist, colder.

BUREAUCRACY CHALLENGED.

RULE GRANTED AGAINST MINISTER OF LABOUR.

A King's Bench Divisional Court, consisting of Justices Avory, Swift, and Charles, recently granted an ex parte application made on behalf of Mr. John Hall Barron, secretary of the National Trade Defence Association, for a rule nisi for a writ of prohibition against the Minister of Labour (Miss Bondfield) to show cause why she should not be prohibited from making an Order setting up Trade Boards for the whole of the catering trade.

Sir Reginald Mitchell Banks, K.C., who made the application, said that the writ of prohibition was sought in regard to an order which the Minister of Labour might make under the Trade Board Acts, 1909 and 1918. In an affidavit Mr. Barron stated that the Association was formed to protect the retail and wholesale trade in intoxicating liquor. The Association and other bodies supporting the application represented substantially the whole of the licensed trade in England and Wales. The Minister of Labour had given notice that she intended to make an Order applying the Trade Board Acts to the catering trade.

In accordance with the provisions as to procedure, the Minister directed an inquiry, under Sir Arthur Colefax, into the objections which were made to the proposed Order of which she had given notice. At this inquiry 68 notices of objection were considered. Sir Arthur Colefax was invited to report that the Minister had no power to make an Order in the proposed form, or at all. Under the Act of 1918 the Minister, immediately on receipt of the report, would be able to make a special Order in the form objected to, however invalidly it were made, and it might have as much effect as though it were enacted in the Act.

Minister's Powers.

"In my submission," stated Mr. Barron's affidavit "it is beyond the powers of the Minister to make such a special Order."

The only power of the Minister was to make a special Order applying the Act to a specified trade, and under the draft Order she proposed to apply it to what she called the catering trade. But there was uncertainty in the definition in the draft Order, because the Minister attempted to include trades of a widely divergent character, ranging from the licensed trade to the fried fish, ice cream and canteen trades.

It was an attempt to group those trades in one, which, said Sir Reginald, was beyond the Minister's power. It would have the effect of penalising a trade in which the wages and conditions of labour were wholly satisfactory. In the case of the licensed trade the Order excluded all off-licence establishments, which were not catering establishments under the definition. Difficulty would arise in public-houses in which there was a saloon bar and a jug and bottle department, as it would appear that a person serving in the saloon bar was in the catering trade, but if he walked a few paces and served drink for consumption off the premises he would not be in the catering trade. Many anomalies appeared to arise under the definition.

Mr. Justice Avory—You may take a Rule.

Similar rules were granted to the Incorporated Association of Purveyors of Light Refreshments, for whom Mr. N. L. Macaskie K.C., and Mr. G. G. Honeyman appeared; and the Strand Hotel, for whom Mr. Louis H. Gluckstein appeared. Mr. C. G. L. Du Cann held a watching brief for the Hotels' and Restaurants' Association.

GUNMEN FIGHT IN TRAIN.

DEPORTEES EN ROUTE FOR SCOTLAND.

Berlin, Dec. 28.

Two notorious Scottish born members of the Chicago underworld, en route through Germany for their native country, whither they had been deported as a result of the present police campaign against their fraternity, apparently found the tedium of travelling unbearable after the continuous alarm and excursions of their customary existence, for, finding no one else to attack, they violently attacked one another in a compartment of the Hamburg-Cologne express.

The gangsters had landed at Bremen and had immediately been moved on by the German authorities who requested them to proceed without delay to England.

On the way to Cologne such an uproar was heard proceeding from their carriage that train officials made investigations. They found the two men setting about each other so fiercely that it was impossible to separate them, and one of the guards was constrained to throw a message from the trian as it passed through a small station asking that the police at the next stop should be notified and be ready on the platform to restore order in the compartment.

Scarcely Conscious.

Accordingly, when the train reached Osnabruck, a squad of policemen entered—as it turned out, none too soon, for the combatants had belaboured each other so long and to such effect that they were scarcely conscious. Blood was streaming from them and their clothes hung in tatters from their bodies.

Nevertheless, it was necessary for the police to administer still more blows with their truncheons on their bruised backs before they could be torn apart. They were both so badly injured that they had to be taken to hospital where one of them lay unconscious for several hours.

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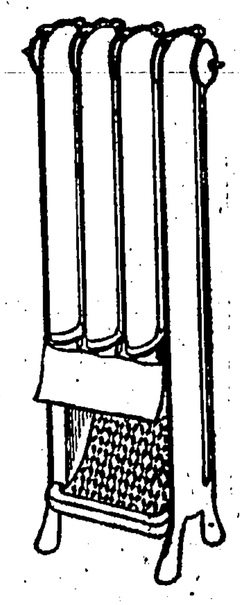

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BORDERERS GO DOWN.

[By "Wanderer."]

Form was a true enough guide on Saturday. The four clubs at the foot of the Senior League table dropped further behind, all suffering defeat, while the Argylls practically destroyed any chance the Borderers may have had of finishing in the runners-up position.

The Second Division struggle becomes a little more interesting consequent upon the defeat of Eastern by the Navy Reserves. It was Eastern's second defeat of the season, but they are still the best placed side. The outcome was rather unexpected since they obtained the first goal of the match in the second half and bid fair to hold on. Lai Ting-choi had the misfortune to put through his own goal, however, and the Navy put on two more goals before the defence had pulled itself together.

The Third Division results are interesting as showing the remarkable rejuvenation of the R.A.F. and R.A.S.C. teams. Both started off the season with defeat after defeat, and are now winning regularly. The R.A.O.C. barring accidents are strong favourites for the championship, their victory over the Borderers considerably enhancing their prospects.

The full results are appended:—

Senior Division.

Athletic	2	St. Joseph's	1
Club	0	South China	6
Police	2	Kowloon	4
R. Artillery	0	Recreio	2
S.W. Borderers	2	Argylls	3

Second Division.

Kowloon	3	Recreio	1
Navy	3	Eastern	1
Athletic	1	Club	0
St. Joseph's	0	University	4
South China	0	Borderers	5
R. Artillery	0	Argylls	3

Third Division.

Athletic	2	Ewo	0
Borderers	1	R.A.O.C.	2
R.A.S.C.	6	South China	2
R.E.	1	R.A.F.	4

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KOWLOON SLACK OFF.

Take Risks Against The Police.

Kowloon scored four goals in the first fifteen minutes and from a football standpoint, as well as from that of the Police, this was disastrous. Dropping the purposeful tactics which had so shaken the Police defence, Kowloon apparently tried to play pretty-pretty in circumstances which made it impossible, a high wind sweeping across the ground upsetting most attempts at finesse.

Once out of their stride, Kowloon failed to get back, and it was not until the Police had obtained two goals in breakaways and seriously threatened two or three more that they pulled themselves together and began once again to give Clark anxiety.

Ianson bamboozled the Police backs delightfully in the first minutes, leaving them colliding, and shooting past Clark from close range. Five minutes later, the left-winger took another opportunity from a swinging pass by C. Pile. Grimwood practically walked the ball into the net, for the third and a few minutes later, Simpson turned Ianson's centre past Clark very neatly.

Altogether it looked very much like a thorough rout of the Police up to this stage, and doubtless had not a sense of the strength of their lead impressed itself too deeply on Kowloon, something of the kind would probably have occurred. But over-confident half-backs followed up their forwards too closely, and more than once the whole Police vanguard went away with only the backs and goalkeeper to intercept them. Near the interval, during one of these spasmodic but dangerous raids, Cornwall reduced the lead with a hard drive from the edge of the penalty area.

The second half provided more of a test for Kowloon, the Police, now aided by the wind, putting on a good deal of pressure, though the methods of their attack were not over impressive. Eventually, with the Kowloon backs almost on the half-way line, a flying kick by Fraser induced Angus to run thirty yards out of his goal in a race with T. Pile. The Police forward was there first and scored easily, shooting into an empty net. Angus twisted his ankle badly and later, in consequence, there were some exciting moments in the Kowloon goal. Towards the end, Kowloon were again definitely on top and Simpson and Grimwood came very close to further goals.

Kowloon's left wing played remarkably well until Ianson took a severe kick in the second half, and Simpson fed the line usefully. Pile centred neatly, but he was not well supported by Moss, who also needed too much room for manoeuvring when in the vicinity of goal. Dowman and McKelvie kept the Police forwards subdued for the most part and Hedley did some clever things, though for once in a while disinclined for anything in the nature of hard work. Bliss was sometimes shaky at back, his positional play being far from sound. Angus could not be blamed for either of the goals. He saved well on one or two occasions, but had an easy afternoon generally.

Clark might have saved the third goal against him, but the men in front were unaccountably weak in their tackling and failed to cover properly. Oram had a day off in the centre-half position, Thorpe being the most useful man in a hard-worked line, while the forwards were fast in movement but slow to get the ball under control.

The high wind put cleverness out of the question before the start and Kowloon's attempts in this direction did not lend interest to the encounter. Once or twice indeed the possibility of the Police snatching a point, as they did in the first meeting of the sides, kept Kowloon's supporters on tenterhooks.

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ODD GOAL OF FIVE.

Argylls Complete Double Against Army Rivals.

Two successive defeats have put the Borderers out of the running for honours. They made wholesale changes for their game with the Argylls on Saturday, but the advantage was not readily apparent, and the Highlanders would have won more convincingly but for a temporary disorganisation in their defence near the interval which allowed Harris to wipe out a two-goal lead.

The Argylls forwards soon had the Borderers' defence in a tangle, and twice Johnson made superb saves before Lowden scored with an unstoppable drive. Mullane handled soon after and Henderson scored with ease from the penalty spot. The Borderers frittered away one or two easy chances, Davis being the worst offender, but eventually Harris got through twice, showing smart opportunism.

The second half struggle favoured the Argylls, the Borderers being prone to over-elaboration. Davis should have given them the lead five minutes after the resumption, but he tried to dribble and the chance was lost. Campbell netted the winning goal some ten minutes before the end.

The Argylls' teamwork was altogether superior to that of the Borderers, though the winners made blunders. In attack, they had a big pull. The Borderers were clever enough in some respects, but dilly-dally, in the goalmouth, tamely ended many good movements. McQuade was the bright spot in the Argylls attack, and his excellent work gave Campbell an opportunity to shine. Lowden scored a nice goal, but he appears to have forgotten the value of a first-time shot.

Both defences were good in parts. The Argylls had the pull in the half-back line, and Mullane and Williams appeared a trifle less steady than Henderson and Blackburn, though their kicking was clean enough. They were rather quicker in seeing their chances to intercept, which made it the more surprising that they were hesitant in tackling.

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CLUB OVERWHELMED.

South China Pile on Six Against a Weak Side.

Fielding their weakest side of the season, Bishop and Segalen being among the absentees, the Club made a poor showing against South China, who won as they liked, scoring six goals without reply and without greatly exerting themselves.

Fung King-cheung had a field day, obtaining five of the goals, the sixth being credited to Ip Pak-wa.

The Club put up a struggle before the interval, but afterwards collapsed badly. Their forwards simply could not get together for a sustained attack, granting them the excuse that they had little if any support from an overworked half-back line. Thoroughly crowded out by the South China half-backs, they joined for the most part in upsetting South China's scoring efforts by assisting to pack the goal.

In the circumstances it was a poor sort of game to witness, being altogether too one-sided.

Rodger had no chance with any of the shots, while the score would have been greater but for the hard work put in by Strange, McBride and Andy Duncan. Wallington did not return to the back division with any confidence, albeit he was steadier in the later stages. The forwards tried individual runs without success, and Gray was rather badly hurt, in a fall, trying to break through.

South China's eleven hardly require a comment. They played just as well as was necessary, and if there was any weakness, the Club were not sufficiently good to expose it.

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RECREIO ON TOP.

Take their Chances Against the Artillery.

The Royal Artillery gave a display far above expectations and the Recreio were somewhat hard put to it to repeat their previous victory. Thanks to the good work of the Gosano brothers, and Rocha's quick eye for an opportunity, however, they won by two clear goals, one coming in each half.

Both sides kept the game well open with long passes, throwing the onus of attack upon the wing men. In this respect, the Recreio held a distinct advantage, B. Gosano being too elusive for Gardiner, while Santos also did much good work. Rogers and Walker, the R.A. wingers, were not so quick in getting the ball moving in the right direction.

Collaco scored in the first half with Joynson unsighted, and Rocha obtained the second when Joynson failed to hold A. Gosano's hot shot and he nipped in before the goalkeeper could recover.

Frearson and Taylor were a powerful kicking pair of backs and it was their sound defence which rendered the Recreio's lively attack rather less effective than usual. Salt and Gough were well in the picture while Moore was the best of the forwards.

The Recreio defence was fairly steady, though there was a notable failure of the half-backs at certain stages of the game to get the ball up to their forwards. Collaco was the pick of the line.

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ATHLETIC OFF COLOUR.

Poor Shooting Against St. Joseph's.

St. Joseph's did rather well to hold the Athletic to a 2-1 victory, though the failure of the Athletic to improve their goal average, as was expected, was more due to poor shooting than to any particular brilliance in the Saints defence.

The Athletic obtained an early lead through Suen Kam-shun, and Mak Kwok-ting put them further ahead with a nice shot from an oblique angle. Victor caught Chan Shek-pui asleep with a shot from long range before the interval.

The second half was goalless, both sides missing many easy chances. The strong wind was a not unimportant factor in the inaccuracies, though it could not be held wholly to blame for some of Suen's misses. One of the troubles was, of course, that the Athletic were feeding Suen far too much, and having once lost direction, he seemed to get worse instead of better in trying to find it.

St. Joseph's attacked towards the close but sting was missing from their efforts.

PROBABLE SOCCER INTERPORTERS.

SHANGHAI TEAM LEAVING ON FEB. 15.

THE LAST TRIAL.

It is learned that the Shanghai soccer interport team will leave Shanghai on February 15 by the Patroclus and are due back in Shanghai on the 20th.

According to present arrangements, the interport fixture will be played on Wednesday, February 18. Shanghai will then meet the Hongkong Chinese on February 21, and the United Services on Monday, February 23.

Mr. M. P. de Campos will accompany the Shanghai team as secretary and manager.

The composition of the eleven is not definitely decided, though it is not anticipated that many changes will be deemed desirable in the Probables XI, which was scheduled to meet the Rest of Shanghai yesterday at the Stadium, Shanghai.

The Probables are:

Chow; Martin, Marcal; Vance, Gash, Costa; Elliott, Sinclair, Colloco, Widmore Gutterres.

The majority will be making their first visit to Hongkong as members of an interport team.

The team will be finally decided to day.

PRIMATE SAYS "DO NOT MOAN."

BRITAIN NOT DONE.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a sermon on Dec. 28 at Canterbury Cathedral, called for a spirit of hope in industry.

To circulate moans and cries about the fearful condition of our industries and agriculture was only to create a fog which chilled the heart, benumbed the mind, and enfeebled the will of the people. We must dispel that fog and have faith in the resources which were still within our reach.

The spirit of all classes must be salted with sacrifice if it were to keep our people together and give them strength to win through. Particularly were sacrifices required in regard to luxuries and amusements.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH CUP HOLDERS DEFEATED.

The results of Saturday's Home football are given below. All are from Reuter excepting the 2nd Division Scottish Division.

ENGLISH CUP.

Fourth Round Results.

Crystal Pal.	0	Everton	6
Bradford C.	0	Wolves	0
Bury	1	Exeter	2
Leeds	4	Newcastle	1
Grimsby	1	Manchester U.	0
Chelsea	2	Arsenal	1
Southport	2	Blackpool	1
Blackburn	5	Bristol R.	1
Bradford	2	Burnley	0
Bolton	1	Sunderland	1
Sheffield U.	4	Notts. County	1
West Brom.	1	Tottenham	0
Watford	2	Brighton	0
Brentford	0	Portsmouth	1
Barnsley	2	Wednesday	1
Birmingham	2	Port Vale	0

First Division.

Liverpool	1	Aston Villa	1
Middlesbro'	2	Huddersfield	3

Second Division.

Charlton	0	Bristol C.	0
Notts. Forest	2	Millwall	1
Southampton	3	Reading	2
Swansea	2	Plymouth	0

Third Division (North).

Accrington	3	Carlisle	0
Barrow	1	Rotherham	0
Chesterfield	0	Hull	4
Crewe	2	Wrexham	1
Doncaster	0	Lincoln	1
Gateshead	0	Hartlepools	0
Halifax	1	Darlington	0
New Brighton	2	Nelson	0
Rochdale	1	Tranmere	3
Southport	*	York	*
Stockport	4	Wigan	1

* Unplayed.

Third Division (South).

Coventry	3	Norwich	0
Fulham	4	Thames	2
Swindon	5	Clapton O.	1
Walsall	0	Queen's Park	2

First Division (Scottish).

Aberdeen	1	Celtic	1
Clyde	2	Airdrie.	1
East Fife	0	Partick	2
Falkirk	4	Cowdenbeath	0
Hamilton	1	Dundee	0
Hibernians	2	Ayr	0
Kilmarnock	1	Motherwell	4
Morton	2	Hearts	4
Queen's Park	1	Leith	1
Rangers	1	St. Mirren	1

Second Division (Scottish).

Albion	0	Third Lanark	0
Arbroath	2	Clydebank	1
Bo'ness	0	East Stirling	6
Brechin	1	Alloa	0
Dumbarton	6	Armadale	2
Dundee U.	4	Forfar	3
Dunfermline	3	Montrose	3
King's Park	5	Raith R.	1
Queen O' Sth.	4	Sten'muir	1
St. Bernard	1	St. Johnstone	1

SCOTLAND WIN.

NARROWLY DEFEAT FRANCE IN INTERNATIONAL.

Edinburgh, Jan. 24.

Before 50,000 spectators, Scotland defeated France in an International rugby match, on the famous Murrayfield ground, by two penalty goals (six points) to one drop goal (four points).

It was not a distinguished game, but was fought out in the keenest spirit, though marred somewhat by the Frenchmen's typical impetuosity which resulted in several penalties for Scotland.

The visitors were penalised in the first five and ten minutes of the game, from one of which Allan converted, repeating the effort later. Scotland led by these six points at the interval.

The Scots threw away many chances through faulty handling, while the Frenchmen defended desperately.

Taking advantage of the absence of Langrish, the Scottish full back, who retired injured, France scored a dropped goal through Serbolle. France made a great final rally but failed to save the game.—*Reuter.*

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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Juanita Selim is murdered at bridge. The replaying of the "death hand" shows that the following had opportunity for murder: Clive Hammond and Polly Beale, together in the solarium; Flora Miles, in Nita's closet, reading a note sent to Nita which she thinks is from her husband; Lydia, the maid, who says she was asleep and did not hear Lois Dunlap, who was in the dining room with Tracey Miles, ring for her; Judge Marshall and John Drake, who came in separately and were noticed by no one; Dexter Sprague, who says he came from the bus and went directly into the dining room with Janet Raymond.

Sprague explains the note to Nita, and says he knew Nita in New York, and that she wrote him suggesting he try to get the contract for a Hamilton movie. Dundee tells the group that a gun with a silencer was used. To his surprise, he learns that Marshall had such a gun, that the whole group used it in target practice, and that Nita was the last to use it. The gun is now missing, and Dundee learns that everyone of the guests had opportunity to steal it. Carolyn Drake says that Nita must have taken it, and that Sprague stole it from her and killed her. Dundee apparently ignores this theory, and asks Marshall where he knew Nita before she came to Hamilton.

CHAPTER XVIII

"You are damned impertinent, sir!" Judge Marshall shouted, the ends of his waxed moustache trembling with anger.

"Then I take it that you do not wish to divulge the circumstances of your friendship with Mrs. Selim? Dundee asked deferentially.

"Friendship!" the old man snorted. "Your implications, sir are dastardly! I met Mrs. Selim, or rather, Nita Leigh, as she was introduced to me, only once, several years ago when I was in New York. Naturally . "

"Just a moment, Judge. You say she was introduced to you as Nita Leigh. Then you knew her as an actress, I presume?"

"I refuse to submit to such a cowardly attack, sir!"

"Attack, Judge?" Dundee repeated with assumed astonishment. "I merely thought you might be able to shed a little light on the past of the woman who has been murdered here today, with a weapon you admit to having owned. . . . However . "

The elderly ex-judge stared at his tormentor for a moment as if murder was in his heart. He gasped twice, then suddenly his whole manner changed.

"I apologize, Dundee. You must realize how - But that is beside the point. I met Nita Leigh at - or at a social gathering, arranged by some New York friends of mine. She was young, attractive, more refined than—er— than the average young woman in musical comedy. Naturally, I told her if she was ever in Hamilton to look me up. And she did."

And because she was more refined than the average young woman in musical comedy than the average chorus girl, to put it simply," Dundee took him up, "you co-operated with Mrs. Dunlap to introduce her to your most intimate friends— including your wife?"

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"Oh, Hugo! Why didn't you tell me?" Karen Marshall wailed. "You see, sir what you are doing!" Judge Marshall stormed.

"I am truly sorry if I have distressed you, Mrs. Marshall," Dundee protested sincerely. "But—" He shrugged and turned again to the husband: "I understand you were Mrs. Selim's landlord. . . . May I ask how much rent she paid?"

"The house rents for $100 a month—furnished."

"And did Mrs. Selim pay her rent promptly?" Dundee persisted.

"Since this is the 24th of May, sir, Mrs. Selim's rent for June was not yet due."

Not before poor little Karen could Dundee force himself to ask what, inevitably, would have been his next question—one which could not have been evaded, as the ex-judge had evaded the other two questions: *"Is it not true, Judge Marshall, that Nita Leigh Selim paid you no rent at all?"* But there were other ways to find out. . . .

"Look here, Dundee!" a brusque voice challenged, and the detective whirled to face Polly Beale. It was like her, he thought with a slight grin, to address him as one man to another. . . .

"Yes, Miss Beale?"

"I'm no fool, and I don't think any of my friends here are either —though two or three of them have acted like it today," the masculine-looking girl stated flatly. "You've made it very plain that any one of us, here, except the Sprague man, could have stolen Hugo's gun and silencer. . . . Has the gun been found?"

"It has not, Miss Beale."

"O.K.!" The queer girl snapped her fingers. "I move that you or Captain Strawn search the men for the weapon, and that I search the women. . . . Wait!" she commanded harshly to a flurry of feminine protests. "I'll ask you, Dundee, to search me first yourself. I believe the technical term is 'frisking,' isn't it? . . . . Then 'frisk' me. . . . . Here is my hand bag. I wore no coat, except this—" and she pointed to the jacket of her tweed suit.

As she strode toward the detective Clive Hammond sprang after her with an oath and a sharp command.

"Shut up, Clive! I'm not married to you yet!" she retorted, but her eyes were gentler than her voice.

His face burning with embarrassment, Dundee went through the traditional gestures of police "frisking"—running his hands rapidly down the girl's tall sturdy body, slapping her pockets. And his fingers fumbled sadly as he opened her tooled leather hand bag.

"Satisfied?" Polly Beale demanded, and at Dundee's miserable nod, the girl faced her friends: "Well, come along, girls!"

"Lord! What a girl!" Dundee muttered to Strawn, as the young Amazon herded Flora Miles, Penny Crain, Carolyn Drake, Lois Dunlap and Janet Raymond into the dining room.

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Silently, and almost meekly, as if ashamed into submission by Polly Beale's example, John Drake, Tracey Miles, Clive Hammond, Judge Marshall and Dexter Sprague permitted Captain Strawn and Sergeant Turner to "frisk" them.

"How about the guest closet and the cars?" Dundee asked of Strawn in a low voice when the fruitless, unpleasant task was finished.

"Gone over with a fine tooth comb long ago," Strawn assured him gloomily. "And not a hiding place in or outside the house that the boys haven't poked into—including the meadow as far as anyone could throw from the bedroom windows."

The women were filing back into the room, some pale, some flushed, but all able to look each other in the eye again.

With surprising jauntiness Polly Beale saluted Dundee. "Nothing more deadly on any of us than Flora's triple-deck compact."

"I thank you with all my heart, Miss Beale," Dundee said sincerely. "And now I think you may all go to your homes. . . . Of course you understand," he interrupted a chorus of relieved ejaculations. "That all of you will be wanted for the inquest, which will probably be held Monday."

"And what's more," Captain Strawn cut in, to show his authority, "I want all of you to hold yourselves ready for further questioning at any time."

There was a stampede for coats and hats, a rush for cars as if the house were on fire, or Dundee reflected wryly as if those he had tortured were afraid he would change his mind. Rushing away with hatred of him in their hearts.

Only Penny Crain held back, manoeuvring for a chance to speak with him.

"I don't have to go with the rest, do I?" she begged in a husky whisper.

"And why not?" Dundee grinned at her.

"I'm 'attached' to the district attorney's office, too, aren't I?"

"Right! And you've been a brick this evening. I don't know what I should have done without you - "

"Well, I can't see that you've done much with me," she gibed. "But I'd like to stick around, if you're going to do some real Sherlock-ing—"

"Can't be done, Penny. I want to stay here alone for awhile and mull things over. But I'd like to have a long talk with you tomorrow."

"Come to Sunday dinner. Mother loves murder mysteries," she suggested. Then realization swept over her. Her brown eyes widened, filled with terror. "Stop thinking one of us did it! Stop, I tell you!"

"Can *you* stop, Penny?" he asked gently.

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But she fled from him, sobbing wildly for the first time that long, horrible evening. Dundee, watching from the doorway of the lighted hall, saw the chauffeur open the rear door of the Dunlap limousine, saw Penny catapult herself into Lois Dunlap's outstretched arms. . . . .

"When did the Dunlap chauffeur call for his mistress?" he asked Strawn, who stood beside him.

"About 10 minutes after you arrived," Strawn answered wearily. "Said he'd dropped Mrs. Dunlap and the Selim woman at about 2:30 and had been ordered to return around 6:30 . . . Knows nothing, of course." The chief of the homicide squad drew a deep breath. "Well, Bonnie, he has nothing on me. In spite of all the palaver I don't know nothing either."

"You need some dinner, chief," Dundee suggested. "And the boys must be getting hungry, too."

"Somebody's got to guard the house, I suppose," Strawn groaned. "Not that it will do any good . . . And what about that maid—that Carr woman? Shall I lock her up on general principles?"

"No. I want to have another talk with her, and if she bucks at spending the night here, I'll take her to the Rhodes House, and turn her over to my old friend, Mother Rhodes. We haven't anything on her, you know."

"No, nor on anybody else, except that old fool, Marshall, and we can't clap him into jail—yet," Strawn agreed, his grey eyes winking.

"Take your crew on in, chief," Dundee urged. "I'll stick till midnight or longer, if you don't mind. You can arrange to have a couple of the boys relieve me about 12. . . . And by the way, will you telephone me the minute you get hold of Ralph Hammond?"

"Well, maybe not so quick as all that," Strawn drawled. "I'll take the first crack at that baby, my lad! Not so dumb, am I, Bonnie-boy? Not so dumb! I can put two and two together as well as the next one—pretty near as well as the district attorney's new 'special investigator.'"

(To Be Continued).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

THIRD INTERPORT TRIAL. LAST SATURDAY.

The Club Colours reversed their defeat by the Colours - the previous week when the third Interport Trial game was played on the Club ground on Saturday afternoon. Although the game commenced at the early hour of 2.15, a large number of spectators were present.

The Club Colours started away well on Saturday, and some minutes pressure, with no letting-up, saw a nice threequarter run end with More getting over under the posts for Peers to majorise the try. Soon afterwards, with the pressure still maintained, the Club Colours scored again, Turner, Plummer and King handling for the latter to score.

The Colours were not rattled by this reverse, and play was kept in midfield for a long while, with rushes to each twenty-five. At length, the Colours managed to get over before half-time, when Parker got away to score rather too far out for Frankham to convert. The Club Colours thus crossed over with a lead of eight points to three.

The second half commenced in dramatic fashion. Turner kicked off, and Selby fielded, but his kick rebounded off McElney's back, and Gammell, dashing up, ran through the defence to score a nice try. Soon afterwards, Turner broke through and ran down to Frankham, with Griffiths on his left. A pretty pass to Griffiths, and there was another try to the Club Colours under the posts, which Whitham converted. Law was unlucky in not being quite able to catch Griffiths before the latter got over the line.

Some more forward work, in which Turner and Griffiths joined, ended in Milne-Day picking up and throwing himself over the line. At this time, the Colours were a man short, through Ross having to leave the field with what looked like a broken collar-bone. Galletly came on for the last few minutes, and his arrival signalised a revival of the Colours fortunes. Rees cut through and ran hard, passed to Galletly, and the latter gave the ball to Douglas just before the line was reached, to score a try right in the corner. The apparent ease with which this movement was carried out seemed to point to there being holes in the Club Colours defence, though it is possible that their big lead did not make the Club Colours take things too seriously at the end of an enjoyable game.

SOCCER INTERPORT.

ANOTHER TRIAL MATCH ON TUESDAY.

Another Interport trial match will be played at Happy Valley on Tuesday afternoon, commencing at 4.30 p.m., when another team chosen from military sides will meet the Probable Hongkong Interport side. It had been hoped that the Royal Navy would have been able to provide the opposition, but this not being possible, the Army is again finding the team. The Army will play in red shirts.

Several changes are made in the team from that which played in the Interport Trial last week, and the team will be as follows:

L/Cpl. Penny, R. Sigs; Pte. Blackburn, A. & S.H., Pte. Henderson, A. & S.H.; Cpl. Hay, Pte. McGlashan, Pte. Yeoman, A. & S.H., L/Cpl. Sansom, R.A.O.C., L/Bdr. Brayant, R.A., Ptes. Louden and McQuade, A. & S.H. and L/Cpl. Duncan, S.W.B.

Reserves have been picked for each position, and these are:—Pte. (21) Johnson, S.W.B.; Gnr. Frenrson, Pte. (76) Williams, S.W.B.; Pte. (31) Morgan, S. W. B., Pte. Jackson, R.A.O.C., Bdr. Gardener, R.A.; Pte. Harris, S.W.B. L/Cpl. (53) Davies, S.W.B. Sigm. Gillott, R. Sigs., Gnr. Moore, R.A., Pte. Hughes, A. & S.H.

Other Teams.

The following have been selected to play in an Interport Trial game against the Army, on Tuesday, January 27, kick-off at 4.30 p.m. sharp on the Hongkong Football Club ground.—Clark; Li Tin-sang and Bishop; Hedley, Eynon and Lam Yuk-ying; B. Gosano, Segalen, A.V. Gosano; Fung King-cheung and Ip Pak-wa. Reserves.—A. Duncan, Strange, C. Pile and J. Oram.

For the "Civilians" against the Chinese in the Lai Wah Cup final on January 31, kick-off at 3.30 p.m. sharp on the Hongkong Football Club ground, the following team has been selected.—Clark; Strange and Bishop; Hedley, Oram (Capt), and A. Duncan; B. Gosano, Segalen, A.V. Gosano, Rocha and C. Pile. Reserves.—Martin, Skinner, Rodger, Bliss, Leonard, Baldwin, McBride and Fernandez.

Club Secretaries are asked to warn players chosen and reserves, to be at the Hongkong Football Club house twenty minutes before the times of kick-off.

LOCAL CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. UNFORTUNATE TO SHARE POINTS.

The Hongkong Cricket Club had very bad luck in their League match against the Civil Service Cricket Club on Saturday when, with the match almost in their grasp, stumps were drawn, and they had to be content to share the points. In the other senior game of the afternoon, the Royal Artillery upset calculations for Craigengower, winning by three wickets.

DIVISION I.

Club's Bad Luck Against Civil Service.

Playing on their own ground, the Hongkong Cricket Club were very unfortunate to have to share the points with the Civil Service Cricket Club. They were only one run behind with several wickets in hand when stumps were drawn.

Batting first, the visitors had a good start, from de Rome (44) and Sayer (35) but little support was given by the others, and the whole side was dismissed for 149 runs.

Reid and Bock were the most successful trundlers for the home team, the former capturing four wickets for 45 runs and the latter four for 28.

In a somewhat lucky innings, Pearce made 63, and with Bowker (32) were the only two to put up a good score. The Club were only one run behind but the clock robbed them of a certain victory.

VICTORY FOR GUNNERS.

Surprise Packet for Craigengower C.C.

At Happy Valley, the Craigengower Cricket Club lost to the Royal Artillery by three wickets. The home team batted first and started very shakily, losing their first three batsmen very cheaply. A. T. Lee and Omar were then associated and they stopped the rot for a time. A good innings of 38 by Hamson, helped by two others reaching double figures, brought the score to 145 before the last wicket fell.

Lt. Musson had the lion's share of the wickets, taking six for just over six runs apiece. Bryant dismissed two batsmen for 32 runs.

The gunners were very consistent and passed their opponents' score with three wickets in hand. Bryant played a very good innings of 42 not out.

The home team's bowlers were all rather expensive, R. Lee being most successful with four wickets for 55 runs.

DIVISION II.

Interesting Stage in Championship Struggle.

On their own ground, the Royal Engineers lost to the Indian seconds by 70 runs. The Indians batted first and knocked up 160 runs for eight wickets when the closure was applied. A. R. Sufliad was top-scorer with 33: A. S. Sufliad contributed 30 and H. T. M. Barma and A. M. Rumjahn 20 each.

Meehan took four wickets for 58 runs and Holmes three for 10 runs each.

The home team started disastrously, losing their first two wickets for only one run. The later batsmen were not very enterprising, but faulty running between the sticks and some smart fielding on the part of the Indians caused the side to be dismissed for 90 runs.

Owing to the condition of the ball, which was soaking wet, the I. R. C. bowlers met with little success, A. M. Rumjahn being the least expensive with two wickets for nine runs.

A CLOSE GAME.

Civil Service Defeat Hongkong Club.

Bowlers had the upper hand in the match between the Civil Service juniors and the H. K. C. C. juniors, the former winning by 13 runs in a low-scoring game. The home team batted first and made only 94 runs, to which Strange contributed 31. Only two other men reached double figures.

Chadwick was in good form with the ball, capturing five wickets for only 21 runs. Way was responsible for the dismissal of two batsmen, giving away 18 runs, while Hutchison took three wickets for 28.

Facing this comparatively low score, the Club could not get going and were dismissed for 81 runs, only two men reaching double figures. Edmonds bowled well for the winners, taking three wickets for 11 runs.

K.C.C. BEAT SIGNALS.

Winner's Big Score on Home Ground.

Playing at home, the K. C. C. second string accounted for the Royal Corps of Signals. The visitors batted first but scoring was very slow with the result that they had to declare with only 126 runs on the board for nine wickets. Skinner was the most successful bowler for K. C. C., capturing four wickets for 27 runs.

The home team had no difficulty in passing this total and went on to make 172 for four wickets when stumps were drawn. G. Lee played a good innings of 81 not out, while Skinner contributed 42.

Williams, the fast bowler, did not come off, his only wicket costing 36 runs. Gough was the most successful trundler with three wickets for 44 runs.

LAWN TENNIS.

ARMY TEAM DEFEAT THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, a team representing the Army easily defeated a Civil Service team at tennis, winning by the large margin of 15 sets to three. Scores:

Stocker and Atkinson (Army) beat Bradley and Freeman 6-2, 6-3; beat Bendall and Fowler 6-2, 7-5; beat Randle and Anderson 6-2, 6-3.

Mitchell and Paston (Army) beat Bradley and Freeman 6-1, 6-4; beat Bendall and Fowler 6-4, 4-6; beat Randle and Anderson 6-1, 6-2.

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John Boles (Tenor). 22230.
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Grace Hayes. 22388.
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Vocal Duet-Oh! Baby What A Night.
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Mildred Hunt assisted by the Landt Trio. 221.
Orchestral-That Naughty Waltz (Levy).
Victoria Orchestra. 30.
8.00-8.25 p.m. Sonata In C Minor. (Grieg, Op. 45).
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The Merry Widow Potpourri (Franz Lehar).
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8.50-9.00 p.m. The Beautiful Galatea-Overture. (Suppe arr. Artok).
Berlin State Opera Orchestra directed by Ernest Vichler. 9072.
9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time.
9.05-9.20 p.m. Concert Items.
Orchestral-Don Juan-Overture (Mozart).
Concert Orchestra. 29.
Song-Clair de Lune (The Wistful Moon).
Song-Beau.
Mary Garden (Soprano). 1439.
Pianoforte Solo-On The Banks of The Danube.
John Kuracz. 12.
Song-Premiere Caresse (De Crescenzo).
Song-Bois Epais (Sombre Forest).
Enrico Caruso (Tenor). 1437.
9.30-10.00 p.m. From The Studio. Reading from Shakespeare by Members of the A.D.C.
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Indian Division	3648
Kowloon Division	10031
Mongkok Division	20461
Motor Drivers' Division	1481
Shaukiwan Division	1918
Un Long	738
St. Joseph's College Division	451
Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division (Kowloon)	10331
Victoria Nursing Division	155
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division	159
Chinese Athletic Association Division	1268

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.

A band of 200 unemployed war veterans have begun a march of 138 miles to Washington, where they intend to appeal to the President Mr. Hoover, to hasten the relief of unemployed ex-soldiers.—*Reuter.*

HONGKONG TRADE.

EXCHANGE AFFECTS PIECE GOODS TRADE.

Reports by importers to the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce state:

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—Market interest is still centred upon "spot" and near arrivals, and in addition to sales of Brocades and other Light Cotton Fancies, White Shirtings have also changed hands. Whilst there is admittedly satisfactory appreciation in outside prices for most descriptions of Cottons—plain and fancy—a very wide disparity exists between silver values current in this market and the parity of present Lancashire costs based on current rates of Exchange.

Clearances are generally satisfactory and should improve.

Cotton values shew appreciation since we last reported, the latest quotations to hand being those of 22nd instant:—Mid. Am. Spot 5.60d. Eg. Sakel. 8.00d.

Cottons and Woollens.—New business in woollens is still held up on account of the exchange situation, and beyond a few enquiries for miscellaneous descriptions, there is nothing of importance to report.

Market prices for certain lines have improved and there has been some movement in "Spot" cargo. Clearances have been affected by the new duties and little cargo is being shipped to Canton.

Metals.—Market strong owing to fall in exchange.

Petroleum.—Kerosene prices advanced 75 cents per unit on Jan. 17.

Flour.—Stock: American 450,000 bags, Canadian 130,000 bags, Australian 30,000 bags. Market: Quiet.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Sunday, 18th January.—Mr. Schreiber dined at Government House.

Monday, 19th January. The following were the guests at luncheon: Mr. Kennerley Rumford and Dame Clara Butt, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Miss Murray, Captain Baldwin.

Lady Peel attended the Halcyon Club "At Home" given by Mrs. H. T. Creasy.

Tuesday, 20th January. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel, attended by His Excellency's personal staff, watched the flying practice from H.M.S. Hermes.

The following dined at Government House: Colonel and Miss Cousens, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Lecky, Mr. and Mrs. de Martin, Mr. Melbourne, Mr. and Mrs. Carrie, Lieut. Comdr. Crockett, Mr. Moxon and Mr. Williams.

Wednesday, 21st January. Mrs. J. J. Paterson lunched at Government House.

Thursday, 22nd January.—His Excellency the Governor presided at the meeting of the Executive Council.

Friday, 23rd January.—On behalf of His Excellency the Governor, Captain T. A. H. Coltman, A.D.C., paid a call on the U.S.S. Mindanao to express to Mrs. Schoop and the Officers, U.S.N. River Patrol, His Excellency's condolence on the death of Captain Schoop, Commander of the Patrol.

Captain Baldwin lunched at Government House.

Wing Commander A. W. Glenny, Comdr. F. R. Baxter, Flight Lieut. Allinson and Mr. Backervyle-Glegg dined at Government House.

LIBERIA'S DECISION.

TO APPLY RECOMMENDATIONS ON SLAVERY.

Geneva, Jan. 24.

The Council of the League of Nations has received the Liberian Government's decision to apply the recommendations made by the special commission into slavery in the Republic.

The Rapporteur urged that the application of Liberia for administrative financial assistance should be granted conditionally on the reforms being carried out.

Mr. Arthur Henderson has been appointed Chairman of a sub-committee on which will also be invited French, German and Liberian representatives, to supervise the grant of the League and the United States assistance.—*Reuter.*

PENALTY FOR MURDER.

Calcutta, Jan. 24.

A Bengali youth has been sentenced to death and another to transportation for life, for the murder of Mukorjee on December 1.—*Reuter.*

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General cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to the terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after 23rd January, 1931.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all General Cargo remaining undelivered after the 29th January 1931, will be subject to rent.

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Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

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WORKERS REFUSE.

BALLOT GOES AGAINST MORE LOOMS PER WEAVER.

London, Jan. 24.

The ballot of members of the Weavers Amalgamation resulted in 44,990 votes in favour of giving its committee power to negotiate on the more-looms-per-weaver system, and 90,770 against. The proposal was accordingly rejected.—*Reuter.*

[The lock-out of more than 200,000 Lancashire weavers began on January 17, following the determination of the weavers not to work in mills where the "more-looms-per-weaver" system was introduced, and the employers' decision not to lift lock-out notices until the result of the ballot was known.]

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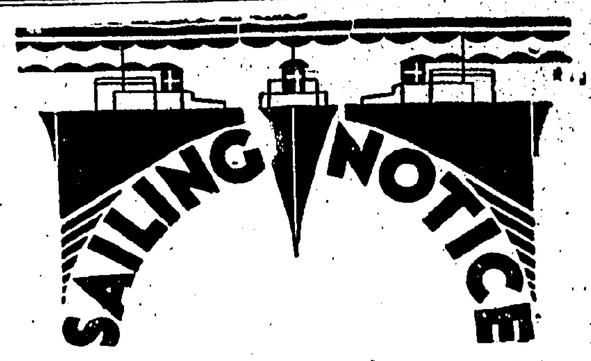

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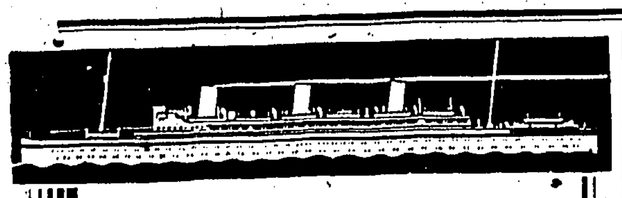

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BRIAND DECLINES.

BUT M. LAVAL FORMS NEW FRENCH CABINET.

Paris, Jan. 24.

Following the defeat of the Government and the resignation of M. Steeg's cabinet, M. Briand was asked to form a new Government, but refused.

M. Laval, however, has accepted the invitation of M. Doumergue (President) to constitute a new cabinet.—*Reuter.*

GOLD PROBLEM.

IMPORTANT REPORT AT GENEVA.

Geneva, Jan. 24.

The second Interim Report of the Gold Delegation on the working of the gold standard is described as of "very considerable interest and importance." It has been submitted to the League Council, and will be circulated to both non-members and members of the League.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, who presided, said that the Council hoped the Report would advance the elucidation of a most difficult poblem.

The Rapporteur, Herr Mowinchel (Norwegian) said that the Report had not dealt with the problem as to whether a relationship existed between the present economic depression and the gold position. This was outside the terms of reference. The Delegation had confined itself to indicating the principles upon which it was of opinion the efficient working of a gold standard must primarily depend.

A further Report may be issued, summing up the situation.

Main Proposals.

Later.

The most important measures and proposals for achieving a beneficial distribution of gold are:

The grant to monetary authorities powers to enable the pursuit of an advisable credit policy;

The reduction of the existing minima of reserves legally required in the Central Banks in accordance with the previous international understanding;

The maintenance of the general practice of not circulating gold coin;

Close collaboration between the Central Banks;

Improved mechanism for the issue of foreign loans and the promotion of international transactions on existing securities.

The Report observes that during the past fifteen years, owing to the war and its consequences, the distribution of gold has been largely determined by non-monetary causes, and that these should work out themselves. The process may be slow, but could be accelerated by the restoration of confidence.

The Report, referring to the recent generalisation of the gold exchange standard, says that the task of the Central Banks becomes more delicate and more difficult. It points out that countries adopting the gold standard automatically assume the responsibility of conducting an economic and financial policy which shall maintain confidence and facilitate the general working of the standard.

The Report concludes by expressing the belief that the adoption of principles at the outset will lead to a more economic distribution of gold and prevent the magnitude of supplies of new gold exercising an influence on the long term trend of the purchasing power of gold.—*Reuter.*

Franco-German Differences.

Geneva, Jan. 24.

At a public session of the League of Nations' Council Mr. Arthur Henderson said that immediately he returned to London the British Government would start preparation for the Disarmament Conference. He hoped that every member of the League would concentrate upon it, and said that the framework (namely, the draft Convention) was established, and the figures must now be inserted.

Herr Curtius (Germany) said the draft Convention, to which Germany had not agreed, should not be binding, and that the question should be further examined.

M. Briand, supporting Mr. Henderson, reminded Herr Curtius that the work of the Preparatory Committee had occupied five years. The maximum of agreement had been reached, and any re-opening of the question would jeopardise the conference.

Herr Curtis, in reply, agreed that all the Powers should go to the conference determined to carry out Article Eight of the League Covenant, which provides that all nations shall reduce armaments to the lowest figure compatible with security. He added that he had not said that the whole discussion should be reopened, but that there had been certain points to which Germany was unable to agree.—*Reuter.*

Minorities Problem.

Geneva, Jan. 24.

The final sitting of the League Council disposed of the most important issue with which it has been faced for a long time, namely, the complaint of ill-treatment of the German minority in Upper Silesia.

The Council adopted the Report of the Committee presided over by the Japanese Delegate, Mr. Yoshizawa which found that Poland had in numerous cases infringed the Minorities Convention, and suggesting the steps the Polish Government should take to remedy the situation.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, in a closing speech, congratulated the Council, and particularly the German and Polish delegates, upon the happy outcome of the proceedings which would be greeted with relief by every friend of the League of Nations.—*Reuter.*

ITALIAN SENSATION.

WEALTHY MANUFACTURER TO BE BANISHED.

Turin, Jan. 24.

Signor Ricnardo Gualino, until recently one of the richest men in Italy and a pioneer of the artificial silk industry and the possessor of a magnificent art collection, has been sentenced to five years' banishment to Lipari Island on a charge of damaging the nation's finances.

Signor Gualino will now be handed over to the Italian judicial authorities and the French Parliamentary Committee which is enquiring into the affairs of the Oustric Bank with which it is alleged he was connected.—*Reuter.*

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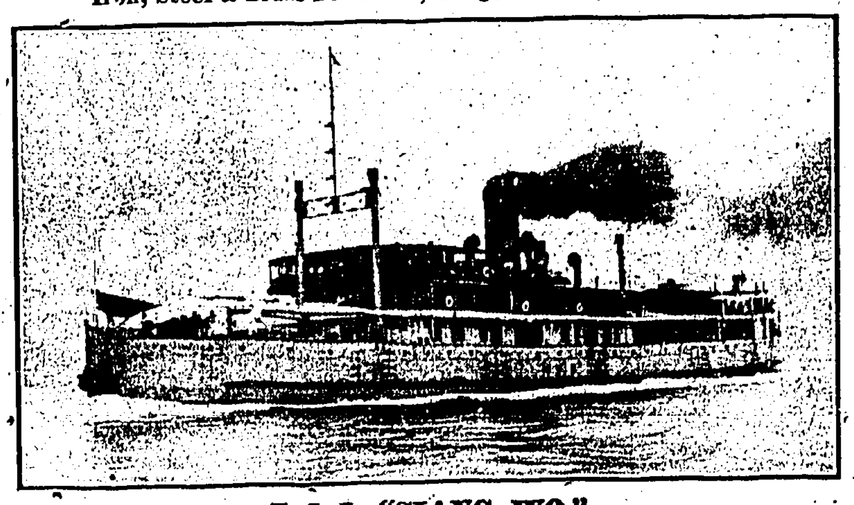

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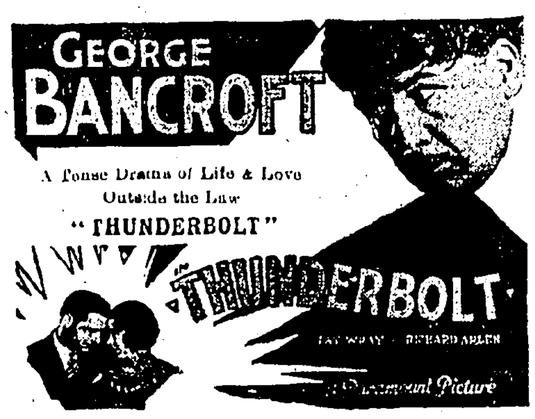

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WU PEI-FU MOBILISING IN SZECHUAN.

Peking, Jan. 25.

The name of Wu Pei-fu has again cropped up in Chinese reports from Szechuan, which state that at his headquarters at Suiting he is organising all the superfluous troops in Szechuan for an invasion of Kansu.

Generals Teng Hsi-hou and Tien Sung-yao, whose movements on the Szechuan-Kansu border have created suspicion for some time, are reported to have penetrated Kansu and occupied Pikow.—*Reuter.*

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SERIOUS SITUATION NEAR FOOCHOW.

DAYLIGHT LOOTING.

Foochow, Jan. 20.

The bandits outside the West Gate of Foochow City, near Hungshan-chiao, and further up the River Min, have been growing more and more daring. Even in the daytime they are attacking houses, robbing, and carrying off men, women, and children for ransom. In fact, the region has become a vertiable "Bandits' World".

Now reliable news comes to hand that more than twenty bands of brigands have joined together in a great Confederacy. A few days ago a meeting representing the most influential bandits was held in a village named Chungfang. A man name Lo Jen was appointed Commander-in-Chief, and others were appointed to subordinate positions.

On the 17th inst. an oath of allegiance was taken, with the blood signature, and the headquarters was set up in a temple in that village. Then emissaries were despatched to all the surrounding villages to collect "taxes", varying in amount from a thousand to fifty dollars, and to impose a "poll tax" varying from twenty dollars to half a dollar.

Such is the plight of more than thirty villages within a short distance of Foochow City. The area is rapidly becoming a wilderness, for any people with anything to lose are hastening to make their escape while they can. The sufferers do not dare to give information to the authorities, for the bandits' leader have made it known that informers will be summarily put to death, and their houses burned; so the unfortunate people prefer to swallow their complaints and hold their peace.

More remarkable yet, it is asserted that these bandits are actually sending agents into Foochow City to negotiate with the authorities for recognition as the "Defence Corps" of that district, and they are trying to force the inhabitants whom they are so cruelly harassing to present petitions to the Government to the same effect.

It will be interesting to see how the Provincial Government will deal with the problem, which is by no means a new one, but has been steadily growing worse during the past few months.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY.

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

Foochow, Jan. 20.

A large crowd of friends, former students, etc., assembled at Fukien Christian University on Saturday, on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary celebrations. Meetings were held in the forenoon and the afternoon, a banquet and a concert in the evening, all showing the best possible spirit of hopefulness and unity.

At the afternoon meeting, the Educational Commissioner, Mr. Ch'eng Shih-kuei, spoke at considerable length on the relation of the University to the provision of higher education for Fukien Province. His announcement that he had just received a telegram from Nanking to say the application for the registration of F. C. U. had at last been granted, aroused tremendous enthusiasm.

The President of the University, Mr. C. J. Lin, and his colleagues, are to be congratulated on the work, both in the more distant and the more recent past, which made these celebrations not only possible, but such a great success.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

BROPHY LEAVES FOOCHOW.

HOPES TO REACH CANTON THIS AFTERNOON.

News received in the Colony this morning states that Mr. G. W. Brophy, who is flying to Manila via Canton on a trial trip in connexion with the proposed establishment of an aerial service between Shanghai and the Philippines, left Foochow at 7.15 a.m. for Canton.

The airman is following the coast route and expects to arrive in Canton at about 2 p.m.

It will be recalled that he was forced by thick fog to land at Chuchow, some 200 miles south of Shanghai, shortly after leaving the latter port, but he resumed his flight yesterday, reaching Foochow at 2.45 p.m.

A Reuter telegram received yesterday stated that there was a delay at Chuchow caused by the Chinese authorities taking his fuel, to prevent his departure, until they received a telegram ordering his release.

A PAWNBROKER TO SUFFER LOSS.

TOO SLOW IN SUSPECTING A RING.

MAY ROAD ROBBERY.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong, solicitor, made a personal application before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning for the recovery from a pawn broker of an engagement ring which was stolen from his residence in May Road on January 8 or 9 last.

Mr. Armstrong said that he was asking for an order for the recovery of the ring for which he was prepared to compensate the pawn broker. The ring was stolen, it was thought, by some "gentry" sweeping chimneys in May Road on January 8 or 9 last and was eventually pawned.

Detective Sergeant O'Donovan informed his Worship that the pawn broker took the ring to the Police immediately it was pawned. The accountant said that although the circular mentioned an engagement ring he did not think until later that the one pawned was the missing article as it did not bear a date.

It was pledged by two Chinese women who had demanded $150 but later agreed to accept $100.

At the request of the Court, witness read the circular which mentioned a diamond engagement ring set with one big diamond in the centre and surrounded by eight smaller ones in platinum and gold and valued at $500. He agreed that the description tallied with the ring which he had accepted in pawn.

His Worship:—Why did you accept it?

Witness:—At first I thought it should bear a name and the date of engagement.

Why did you take it to the Police?—Because it corresponded with the description.

That was half an hour afterwards. What led you only to suspect it half an hour afterwards? Because the value in the stolen property list was $500 and my valuation of that ring was about $200.

How is it that it dawned on you half an hour afterwards?

His Worship pointed out that he should have noticed that the ring was the stolen one immediately it was pawned and then detained the two women.

Witness:—I admit that it was a blunder on my part.

His Worship remarked that the description given was a good one and made an order for the return of the ring without payment.

U.S. UNEMPLOYED RIOTING.

GROCERY STORE WRECKED AND LOOTED.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

New York, Jan. 20.

Police were summoned to-day in several American cities to put down unemployed demonstrations which took on a threatening form.

In Oklahoma City 300 rioters stormed a grocery store and wrecked it, stealing food. Police were not prompt enough to prevent a thorough looting.

In New York, Los Angeles and Akron police interfered with hunger parades.

The demonstrators were dispersed, in some instances by physical force, although none was reported injured.

Later.

A riot occurred here to-day when a group of unemployed, agitated by communists, attempted to march on the city hall.

Several speakers and bystanders were injured when the leaders exhorted the crowd to fight the police. A number of arrests were made.

The outbreak began after a delegation of 15 unemployed returned from a meeting with Mayor Walker's secretary at which they presented a demand for relief for the jobless.

Los Angeles police brought tear bombs and night-sticks into play in frustrating an attempt to march on the city hall.

The police knocked down three men and arrested several. The crowd, composed of about 50 persons, dispersed when the tear gas was directed against it.

Likin Abolition.

Nanking, Jan. 25.

The Finance Ministry has issued another proclamation to the Provincial authorities demanding that all likin bureaux should be closed at the end of the current month.

CONGRESS GIVEN OPPORTUNITY.

THE RELEASE OF LEADERS EXPECTED TO-NIGHT.

THE YOUNGER NEHRU.

New Delhi, Jan. 25.

Lord Irwin has ordered the unconditional release of Gandhi and other members of the Congress working committee, and has cancelled the order making the committee unlawful.

Lord Irwin in a statement says he has ordered the releases to enable Congress to discuss dispassionately Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's statement of policy.

Gandhi was arrested on May 5, on the eve of the beginning of mass civil disobedience.

Among the Congress leaders to be released with Gandhi (probably to-morrow evening) are Mr. Vallabhai Patel, who was sentenced three weeks ago to nine months' imprisonment for a speech at Ahmedabad, Mr. Sen Gupta, of Calcutta, who was arrested at Amritsar on October 28 and sentenced on November 3 to one year's simple imprisonment on a charge of spreading sedition, Jawalhar Lal Nehru, who was sentenced on October 29 last to two years' hard labour and a heavy fine on three charges of sedition and instigating non-payment of taxes, and Mrs. Naidu, who was sentenced to nine months' simple imprisonment on May 23, 1930, for leading salt raids.—*Reuter.*

ANOTHER MUI-TSAI CASE.

SEQUEL TO LITTLE GIRL'S COMPLAINT.

Mr. Q. A. A. Macfayden of the S.C.A., before the Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged Kang Kam, a Chinese woman, with having kept in her employ an unregistered *mui-tsai*, between September 2nd and October 10th last year and January 20th and 23rd this year.

It appears that the little girl complained at the Yaumati Police Station on Friday that she had been assaulted by her mistress, the defendant. She was sent to the hospital but her injuries were found to be very slight. She was then sent to the S.C.A., and proceedings against the defendant were ordered.

The defendant said she had left the Colony in October, taking the girl with her into the country. When she returned, she forgot to register the girl.

Mr. Macfayden said he was not pressing the case.

A fine of $50, or one month's imprisonment, was imposed.

BUILDING BURNT IN CANTON.

FIRE BRIGADE'S STRENUOUS TASK.

Canton, Jan. 24.

A fire which completely destroyed No. 4 Wing-ning Lane, in the Chang Shou district, occurred here in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The blaze had obtained a good hold before the alarm was given and premises were burning furiously by the time the Brigade arrived. By concentration on the adjoining premises these were saved from serious damage, being only slightly involved.

After five hours of fighting on the part of the Fire-Brigade, the blaze was got under control. The estimated loss involved at No. 4 is some $6,000, in addition to fire and water damage to Nos. 2 & 6.

It is understood that insurance risks involved are borne by local Chinese companies.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

DAVIS CUP PLAYERS FOR HONGKONG.

JAPAN'S BEST TO PAY VISIT NEXT MONTH.

Japan's new Davis Cup pair, Jiro Sato and Hyotaro Sato, may be seen in exhibition tennis matches in Hongkong next month.

The two players are due to arrive in Hongkong aboard the s.s. Yakushuni Maru, on February 20th, and they are anxious to make their bow to the local tennis public before proceeding on their way to France.

The Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association has received intimation of the visit, and efforts to arrange for their appearance in exhibition games will be put in hand immediately.

Both men are brilliant exponents of the game. Jiro Sato has just been placed as No. 1 in Japan by the All-Japan Tennis Association, whilst Hyotaro Sato gave some very impressive displays in Manila last year. In appearing in the Davis Cup competition this year, both are achieving international honours for the first time.

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